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Lack of parking spaces remains contentious issue

by Peter Ringel '01
SENIOR EDITOR

It is a problem that will not go away.

Too many cars, not enough parking spaces, especially centrally located parking spots.

"Everyone wants a parking space as close to their office or their dorm as possible and that's in conflict with the overall philosophy of the college that this is a pedestrian campus," said Vice President of Administration and Finance Daniel J. O'Leary.

In recent years, the amount of cars on Hamilton's campus has grown considerably, while the number of available parking spaces has remained virtually unchanged.

PHOTO BY LINDSEY GRIFFITHS '02

Car line-up around the Bundy circle. 2,031 cars are registered on campus this year.

During the 1998-1999 school year, 1,951 cars were registered to students, while for this academic year Campus Safety reports that 2,031 cars are registered.

Campus Safety explained that the reason the number is so high (there are roughly 300 more cars registered to students than the actual number of students enrolled at Hamilton) relates to the way the office monitors registered vehicles.

For example, if a student registered one car, but then brought a different car back to Hamilton after a vacation, the student would need to register another car and records would indicate that two cars were registered when only one vehicle was actually present on campus. Eighty more cars are registered on campus this year than two years ago. Although data for four or five years ago was not immediately available, Campus Safety officials estimate that there are more than two hundred additional registered vehicles on campus since that time.

Recognizing the importance of this increase the college has taken steps toward finding parking solutions.

"The College recently retained a consulting firm to advise us about future 'land use' questions including parking, pedestrian and automobile circulation, the

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PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Cameron Feist '04 with prospective Tegbir Rakieten at a luncheon during open house.

Admissions opens Hill to accepted students

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

Over 500 students and parents visited Hamilton on Tuesday April 17 and Wednesday April 18 for the college's Accepted Students' Open House. The students had all been accepted to Hamilton in one of most competitive admission years in over two decades of Hamilton's history. Out of a record number of 4592 applications, Hamilton hopes to have 450 students enroll for the Class of 2005. Along with the opportunity to attend the Accepted Student Open House, prospective students accepted to Hamilton were also offered temporary access to browse and visit CourseInfo, the college's online academic community.

The students started their day on Tuesday with registration. Tours left from the Admissions Office every 15 minutes from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A new feature of the open house was residence hall tours that showed rooms in Eells (AD), South (which is also shown on the regular tours), Dunham, Milbank, and Keen. From 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the prospectives were encouraged to sit in on any classes that interested them. After classes, volunteer Hamilton students took the prospectives to lunch. The official welcome and opening remarks were held at 2:00 p.m. in Wellin Hall, with comments from Dean Richard Fuller, President Eugene Tobin, and Elizabeth Guancial '01.

Later in the afternoon, prospectives visited an information fair with representatives from student life and academic departments available for informal conversation. In the evening, there was an Adrionack Adventure slideshow and an a cappella concert in the Chapel featuring The Hamiltones, Special K, Tumbling After, and The Buffers. The band Roosevelt Roosevelt also played later that night in the Annex. In the morning, prospectives could attend classes from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A farewell luncheon at Bundy Dining Hall concluded the program.

Julian Scurci '03 was one of the student coordinators of the open house. His role was to find places to stay for the 95 male propsectives. Scurci said, "The greatest difficulty is in host matching, where you must get an idea of what a prospective's personality is like and what his interests are, based on a five minute phone conversation and then match him with a student at Hamilton who you think will complement him the best."

Despite this challenge, Scurci finds the program works very well and accomplishes its difficult goal of giving prospective students, who may be choosing between similar college settings, a more thorough and involved look at college life. Scurci added that, "for me the open house was the deciding factor in attending Hamilton, because it gave me the opportunity to meet people that I could imagine myself being friends with."

Niki Barron '02, Lunch and Lobby Hosting Coordinator, was responsible for arranging lunch hosts and for organizing the Hamilton student volunteers who talked with Propsectives and their families during "down time" while waiting for tours, etc.

Barron thanked the Hamilton volunteers who made the Accepted Open House a success: "It was really neat to see how welcoming our community was to the accepted students. Many hours went into the planning of the various events, and it was extremely rewarding to see the

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President Jimmy Carter to speak: Thousands expected in fieldhouse

by Cristin Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States and an exemplary public moralist, will speak on campus Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. as the next installment of the college's Sacerdote Great Names Series.

All students and employees will receive blue postcards in their campus mailboxes by Tuesday. These postcards will serve as tickets for admission to the Bundy Field House for the free public lecture. The postcard also allows its holder to bring along one non-Hamilton guest. The first 20 rows of seats and the front bleacher sections will be reserved for postcard-holders and their guests until 7 p.m., when these seats will be opened for general admission.

Director of Alumni Affairs for the College and chief organizer of the Great Names Series, Jennifer Potter Hayes urges students, faculty, and staff to arrive before 7 p.m.

"We are expecting more than 1,000 area high school students," she said, and estimates that total audience numbers will exceed 5,000. "Carter's visit is proving to be immensely popular with the surrounding community. We've received calls from as far away as Plattsburgh and Binghamton from people interested in attending."

Hamilton community members should watch for updates on details via all-campus email, Potter Hayes added.

Carter will speak for approximately 30 minutes, followed by pre-selected questions to be asked by President Tobin. Potter-Hayes is currently soliciting questions from community members and so far has received ten, primarily from faculty members. She's hoping that more students will send her questions soon.

"I think it's hard for them because most were born after Carter's presidency," she explained. Potter Hayes will pass along all questions in their original form to Tobin, who will select which questions he will ask. Potter Hayes estimates that there will be time for seven or eight questions.

Carter is most remembered for his humanitarian work, and Potter-Hayes believes this will be the subject of his talk. "I think he's going to give an inspirational talk about how to make the best of your life," she said.

She declined to comment on Carter's compensation, but said that all Great Names lecturers have received $40-60,000. "His is not the highest we've paid," she added. Carter will donate the honorarium to one of his charities, according to Potter Hayes.

The Great Names Series is endowed by the Sacerdote family in honor of their son Alex, a member of the Class of 1994. According to public relations officials for the College, the aim of the Series is to provide the Hamilton community with the opportunity to interact with some of the world's most renowned individuals.

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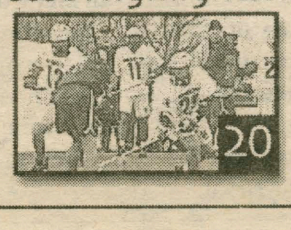

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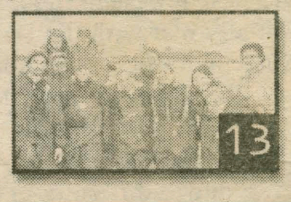

DAG holds first open activity: panel discussion

by Laurie Northrup '03
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton's Disability Action Group (DAG) held a panel discussion in the Red Pit to address disability issues at Hamilton on April 10. Current students Ali Mattis '02, Koert Wehberg '04, Lizzie Padin '03, Emily Korn Koren '02, and recent alumna Leslie Hirsch '00 sat on the panel. They spoke to a crowd of 25 about their experiences as people with disabilities at Hamilton.

Also sitting on the panel were Esther Kanipe, Professor of History and Louise Peckingham, the College's Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer. During the discussion Kanipe provided a historical overview of perceptions about disabled people, and Peckingham explained what services Hamilton offers to students with disabilities. After all of the panelists explained their own backgrounds, the group took questions from the audience.

The panel discussion was the first open event that DAG has held in its short history. The group was founded at the end of the '99-'00 academic year by Hirsch, Mattis, Jill Allen '00, and Kristin Andrews '02. Allen, a wheelchair user, was especially determined to have the College learn from her time here and the difficulties that she had with some members of the faculty and the administration.

DAG was recognized by the College in the fall of 2000. It has not yet been granted funding by Student Assembly.

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DAG functions as both a support group and an activist group for students with physical, learning, psychological, and illness- and injury-related disabilities. "DAG wanted to be an organization to provide support, advice, and resources for all members of the community with all kinds of disabilities or interests in them, as well as a means of promoting awareness of disability issues on campus and actually doing something about them," said Hirsch. Most members of the group are either themselves disabled, visibly or not, or have a close relative who is.

This year, led by Hirsch, Shaela Gallahue '03, and A.J. Livecchi '03 in the fall semester and Gallahue and Jenny Taransky '03 in the spring semester, DAG has published a handbook detailing resources for disabled students. The Handbook lists different resources that are available and that students might not know about when they first arrive. One example is the tutoring services available in most subjects for students with learning disabilities, as well as help with time management and study skills.

The group has also compiled a list of buildings on campus that they claim violate the Americans with Disabilities Act. Distributed by the group at the February faculty meeting, the list includes nearly every building on campus, including all academic buildings and all but three residence halls (Ferguson, Eells, and South). Even venues for campus-wide events such as Minor Theatre and the Red Pit are not accessible, according to DAG. The group would like to see all buildings equipped with ramps, non-keyed elevators, Braille door numbers, strobe light fire alarms, and wheelchair-accessible bathrooms.

DAG's primary goal, however, is to raise awareness on campus about disability issues. "The reason why people overlooked the 'blind' next to the 'nigger' on Koert's door, the reason why Hamilton has been unprepared for every neon-sign disabled person to come to campus, the reason why my own needs as a disabled person were invalidated, is because disability issues are not part of the consciousness of the school or of the community," said Hirsch.

DAG members stress that disabled persons want to be accepted and integrated as part of the community. "People with disabilities were seen as trying to look for sympathy by asking for extra help, but that's not what it is. They don't want to overcome their disabilities; they want to be able to accept them," said Taransky. The group will be involved in next year's Kirkland Project subject, "The Body," and is also campaigning to have disabled actor Christopher Reeve be next speaker in the Great Names series. Through these efforts DAG hopes to make the campus more accepting of and accessible to disabled students.

Students out to 'wake-up' campus with speakout

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

When it comes to issues of "-isms" at Hamilton, many students, and faculty as well, feel that their opinions are not being heard. Organized by Josh Conklin '01 and Seth O'Bryan '01, a speak-out on April 25 will give all individuals and groups on campus a chance to talk about personal experiences and opinions. Conklin and O'Bryan say that this event will give students and faculty a chance to learn about and communicate with each other.

"We want to wake up the campus a little bit," said Conklin.

The two hope that people who attend the event, even those who don't feel comfortable speaking themselves, will realize that it is okay to talk about these issues. "It's okay to talk, even if you don't know what to say," said O'Bryan.

Scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. on Martin's Way, the event will include various planned speakers, such as Urban Delight, as well as open mic time for any students or faculty who want to stop by and tell a story or voice their opinions.

"There are things going on at Hamilton that are not being talked about," said O'Bryan. "We must speak about the silence." He and Conklin hope that this event provides an impetus for future "honest and open" discussions at the College.

The speak-out is an outgrowth of something that the two have been working on for the past few semesters. They initially met with the Dean of Students Office, Bon Appetit, and the President's Office to discuss the possibility of "Celebrate Hamilton Day;" however, due to difficulty in communicating between administration and students, the day never came together. "Unfortunately, we couldn't bring our energies together," said O'Bryan.

Instead, the new event, called "Don't Stop the Talk," is being put on with support in the organizational stages from Dean of Students and Director of Multi-cultural Affairs Karen Green and Director of Student Activities Bev Low, as well as other faculty members, but without direct faculty input into the design of the event. Students@Large is also helping to plan the event.

After sending an all-campus e-mail encouraging students who have something to say to get involved in the speak-out, O'Bryan and Conklin have received only one response. An additional e-mail to all organizations on campus has not produced any responses. "My biggest worry about this event is that people will be apathetic, and they won't realize the magnitude of the issues here," said Conklin.

O'Bryan says that not having responses from specific groups on campus could be a good thing. "Maybe it's better that it's just individual students speaking. It's more inclusive, and it's saying, 'I'm your peer, be a part of US.'"

O'Bryan and Conklin are working with Bon Appetit to have a barbeque after students are done speaking, but they are not sure yet whether it will be possible to organize before April 25.

Both O'Bryan and Conklin say that they hope this event will carry over into the following semesters. "Even if one person is motivated to do something, then we've made a difference," said O'Bryan.

Latest *Strategic Plan* revision brings focus to academic goals

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
and Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE WRITER

On Monday, April 9, Hamilton College released its third draft of strategic plan. The document, the second publicly available revision, lays forth a framework by which the college seeks to improve the college's reputation through increased academic excellence.

Wednesday various subcommittees related to the revision and implementation of the plan met to review the new plan. Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs David Paris said the concern is to become "more tightly focused on the academic goals of the college."

Sections of the document addressing the college's external relations have been pared down in this version of the plan which also includes greater details on how goals will be archived. Perhaps most importantly, the plan lays a framework for the logistical and financial support the college will need to address curriculum changes, such as the introduction of co-taught classes in the sophomore program and smaller classes called pro-seminars. In place of slightly obtuse descriptions of plans on how to achieve the core goals laid forth found in the November release, the current version lists specific programs and estimated budget lines for each program.

Through out the plan emphasis is placed on Hamilton's ability to teach excellent writing and public speaking skills. The Strategic Plan outlines increased support for both the college writing center and the emerging program for public discourse.

Director of the Nesbitt Johnson Writing Center, Sharon Williams is pleased that "writing is at the center of the Strategic Plan." Although writing seems to be a strength of Hamilton students, Williams states, "the program was under-recognized in the past and is finally getting a lot more attention."

Initially the plan set allocated $1-2M dollars to expand the Writing Center, but because of logistical difficulties the plan now allocates only $35,000. Williams, along with Government Professor Ted Eismeier, coordinator of the writing program, has outlined a program to expand the emphasis on writing. They hope to work with faculty in all disciplines to develop a "common language across the curriculum" in the evaluation of students' writing.

While both the original draft of the strategic plan and the second version of the document acknowledge that Hamilton's competitive advantage in developing oral communication skills has eroded, the latest iteration, while omitting explicit reference to the decline, still puts heavy emphasis on the importance of developing students oral communication skills. The plan allocates $50,000 for expansion of the Public Discourse Program.

Public Discourse Program Director Susan Mason described the program as an opportunity for students to develop not only public speaking skills, but also skills in debate, presentation, mediation, listening, and collaborative.

Mason described the Public Discourse Program as ready to help students develop so that they can better participate in other academic departments. "With the new curriculum needs are going to pop up and we'll be ready to adapt," she said.

Not ignoring the need to increase undergraduate science research, the plan makes provi-

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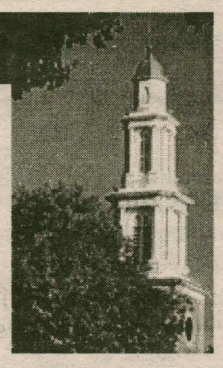


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Harvard students stage protest

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — About 50 people started a sit-in atHarvard University to demand pay raises for some university employees.

The protesters said the university is the nation's wealthiest, but pays more than 1,000 of its direct and subcontracted employees as little as $6.50 an hour. They want the university to pay all employees at least $10.25 an hour.

"An institution with $19 billion in the bank doesn't have an excuse," said Aaron Bartley, a third-year Harvard law student and a member of the Harvard Living Wage Campaign.

The group staged the protest Wednesday at Massachusetts Hall, which houses the office of the university president.

The university said in a statement that only 400 of its more than 13,000 employees make less than $10 an hour, and in recent years it has extended job training and literacy programs while offering expanded health benefits to those employees.

Companies to hire fewer college grads

(Northwestern U.) 04/18/2001 (U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — It's getting down to the wire for Northwestern University senior P.J. Kennedy.

The biomedical engineering major interviewed for 15 jobs this year and was rejected from 13 of them, leaving him with no serious employment prospects.

"All the money is going out of the big companies," he said. "It has been a rough year. I know plenty of people who are still biting their nails, just like I am."

Texas Instruments announced Tuesday that it would cut 2,500 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force.

"Obviously, the economy has slowed down," said Camille Luckenbaugh, an employment information manager with the National Association of Colleges and Employers. "It just seems to be affecting people across the board. There are definitely going to be employers that are not going to have as many openings."

Dianne Siekmann, Northwestern's associate director for career services, said she constantly asks employers for feedback and visits them during the summer to encourage employers to recruit at NU.

"If there's a recession and companies have to cut back on the number of students they hire, we really want to position ourselves to make sure we're one of the schools they continue to come to," she said. "During the good times, of course companies come to seek us out. But you can't take that for granted."

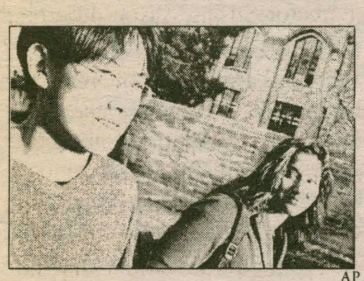
During the recession in the early 1990s, one-third fewer employers came to NU and college recruiting dropped 50 percent nationwide, Siekmann said.

But so far the warning signs of a recession have had no impact on attendance at NU job fairs, she said. About 250 companies come to NU's four main job fairs each year.

Siekmann said she expects the same number of employers to come to campus next year even though they might hire fewer students.

'Gen Y' shuns generational labels

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — You can call them Generation Y, Millennials or even Echo Boomers, a tag created as a nod to their Baby Boomer parents.



AP

Uttara Bongu, 20, and Mike Nam, 20, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

But young Americans have a message for marketers, demographers and generational experts, all eager to decode the minds of today's teen-agers and early 20-somethings.

"Don't call us anything," says Utarra Bongu, a 20-year-old sophomore at Northwestern University in suburban Chicago. "We're much more diverse than any other generation — culturally and with what we've been exposed to.

A few miles away, at a shopping mall in Skokie, 13-

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Palestinian mortar attacks continue

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinians fired mortars at a settlement in the Gaza Strip and a farming village in Israel overnight, drawing Israeli return fire that seriously wounded a supporter of the Islamic militant group Hamas.

The renewed mortar fire came despite two Israeli incursions into Palestinian-controlled areas of Gaza that were aimed at stopping such attacks. It left Prime Minister Ariel Sharon open to criticism from many quarters within Israel.

Hamas claimed responsiblity for a mortar attack late Wednesday on the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip. The group said Thursday that one of its activists, Khalil Sakani, was seriously wounded in the head by shrapnel from an Israeli tank shell during a mortar attack.

Hamas said in a leaflet that it fired the mortars in retaliation for an Israeli airstrike against Syrian targets in Lebanon earlier this week. Hamas has claimed responsibility for several other mortar attacks in the past.

Five more mortars hit the Israeli communal farm of Nir Am on the edge of the Gaza Strip, also late Wednesday.

Iraq warns Iran on missile attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq has warned Iran that its missile attack on eastern Iraq risked a revival of the 1980-88 war when the two countries bombarded each other with rockets.

Iran has acknowledged its armed forces attacked Iraqi bases of the rebel Mujahedeen Khalq on Wednesday morning. The acknowledgment came in a letter delivered to the U.N. Security Council in New York late Wednesday.

The attack killed three people and wounded 23 others, Iraqi official media and the Mujahedeen Khalq said Thursday. All but one of the casualties were Iraqis.

The attack was a "limited and proportionate defensive measure" against cross-border attacks by the Mujahedeen, Iranian Ambassador Hadi Nejad-Hosseinian said in a letter to the president of the security council, British Ambassador Sir Jeremy Greenstock.

Iran expects the Iraqi government "to put an end to the use of its territory for cross-border attacks and terrorist operations," the letter said.

The Baghdad spokesman for the Mujahedeen Khalq, Farid Soleimani, says Iran fired 66 Scud missiles at seven of the group's camps, killing one guerrilla.

New Zealand control tower unmanned

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Ten aircraft were forced to circle New Zealand's busiest airport while the only air traffic controller on duty took a rest break.

The planes were in no danger — they just could not land at the Auckland airport for about 25 minutes on Wednesday, Airways Corp. chief operating officer Ashley Smout said Thursday.

Two controllers were out sick, a replacement controller was stuck in traffic and the only controller on duty had to take a break, officials said.

The staffer "absolutely had to have his break after working three continuous hours," spokeswoman Heather Hayden said. "It really is unusual."

Pilots of circling planes were informed and takeoffs halted as air control was shut down. Air traffic control in Christchurch continued its radar monitoring of the area. But had an aircraft needed to make an emergency landing, the pilot would have been no help from the tower.

"Everything possible is being done to ensure this very rare occurrence does not happen again," Smout said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Phoenix ground zero for car thefts

PHOENIX (AP) — John Scott didn't skimp when he began customizing his Honda Civic. He spent $15,000 — $6,000 on the stereo system alone — and bought an alarm to protect it all.

Even so, he woke up one morning to find nothing but broken glass in his driveway. "That they have enough courage to steal in my own driveway, it's weird," the 21-year-old car alarm salesman said.

That's the reality facing drivers in this fast-growing metropolitan area, which has the misfortune of being the country's hot spot for car thieves.

Citing FBI statistics, the National Insurance Crime Bureau said the Phoenix area reported 979 auto thefts for every 100,000 of its residents last year, the worst rate in the nation. Phoenix is the nation's sixth-largest city, with more than 1.3 million residents.

So many cars are stolen in Phoenix — two were reported missing every hour last year — that officers no longer take the reports in person. They refer victims to a call line instead.

Officers say they cannot pinpoint any one cause.

Arizona is a border state, so many stolen cars end up in Mexico. About two-thirds of the 25 metropolitan areas with the highest rates of vehicle theft in 2000 were at or near U.S. borders, reflecting a thriving international trade for pilfered autos, the NICB said.

Afternoon launch set for Endeavour

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Cheered by an excellent forecast, NASA fueled space shuttle Endeavour for liftoff Thursday on a mission to install a massive billion-dollar robot arm on the international space station.

It will be the most complicated robotics mission ever attempted in space: The shuttle's own 50-foot robot arm will be used to hook up the even bigger and fancier space station arm. The work will require two crews — one in the shuttle and one in the station — and at least two spacewalks.

The grand finale will be when the two jointed arms exchange a packing crate.

With a hand on each end, the 58-foot robot arm is capable of moving across the space station, like an inchworm.

"It's a monstrous self-propelled vehicle of its own," said Chris Hadfield, a Canadian astronaut who will unfold his country's space station contribution once it's attached.

The robot arm is so long and so massive — more than 3,600 pounds — that it had to be double-folded and held in place aboard Endeavour with 4-foot bolts.

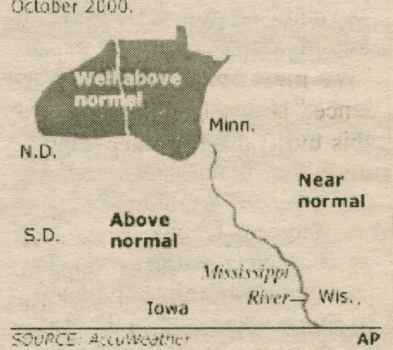
Four countries are represented on Endeavour's seven-man crew: Canada, Italy, Russia and the United States. It is the most internationally diverse crew ever assembled by NASA.

Miss. river flood peaking in Wis.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. (AP) — The muddy waters of the Mississippi River engulfed homes and pushed sandbag walls to the limit here after cresting short of predictions 60 miles upriver at La Crosse.

Mississippi rising

Above normal levels of snow melt and spring rain are key factors in the flooding along the banks of the upper Mississippi River. Here is a look at precipitation in the area since October 2000.



Dorothy and Al Reed moved furniture out of their home in this southwest Wisconsin river town Wednesday, then spent the night in the two-story structure despite water that filled the basement and covered a porch.

``It's starting to seep into the kitchen," Dorothy Reed said Thursday morning. ``The whole house will have it."

The river was expected to crest early Friday in Prairie du Chien, and Reed said she planned to go to her daughter's nearby home, which is on higher ground, while her husband stayed behind.

Platforms for the Class of 2002, 2003, and 2004 Elections

2002 Student Assembly Representative

Katy Connor

Last semester I served as a class representative and really enjoyed doing something for my class. Among other things, I helped organize our class Tailgating Party and design the t-shirts. If elected as senior class rep, I intend to organize more events designed to bring our class together for our final year at Hamilton. Some of my ideas include another tailgating party and a "100 Days Party" held for seniors 100 days before graduation. I also have many great ideas for senior week, including a day or night boatcruise.

Alison Langlais

Although I am currently studying abroad, I am very interested in representing the Class of '02 again upon my return. I have been a representative since the beginning of freshman year, and would like to be given the opportunity to help plan our senior activities and an amazing senior week. This past year, our class successfully planned its first "Tailgating Party," with t-shirts and all, and I would like to make next year even better with many more activities. I look forward to returning to Hamilton, and I hope you will give me the chance to represent you once again.

Beth M. Bouloukos

Hi, my name is Beth, SF, early 20's, 5'6", college student, non-smoker, enjoy long romantic walks on the quad, pina coladas, and getting lost in the rain, not into yoga, have half a brain, dedicated and hardworking. Enjoyed the two years spent on Student Assembly as a class representative, and hope to continue next year for friendship or maybe more. Seeking the emotional support and votes of my classmates.

Lindy Roath

I've worked really hard this semester to try to represent the opinions and concerns of my peers. I would like to continue to serve my class and help voice our needs as we enter our senior year. We have the unique opportunity to get involved in several important decisions about the future of the college and as rising seniors, we have experience in what this college needs. I am look forward to working with the student body and the administration on plans to create a student union that will serve the needs ofthe students and facilitate greater interaction between the entire campus community. Please share your ideas with me and support me as your class representative.

2002 Judicial Board Representative

Dave Trovato

The judicial process is vital to maintaining a healthy, strong social environment here on the Hill. Its fundamental purpose is to uphold the rules of the college and to ensure the welfare of individual students and the community alike. All students have the right to bring their cases in front of the board to be heard by a panel of faculty members and peers. Members of the board have the responsibility of listening to each case and appropriating the proper sanctions, bearing in mind a student's partcular situation and the policies of Hamilton College. As a member of the Class of 2002, I would like to help with this process and give every student the right to a fair and thorough trial.

Amanda Mereau

As representative this year, I worked hard to uophold our community values and regulations. I see this position as my duty to help our community remian a safe place to live and learn. I have spent a great deal of time listening to my peers and remianing objective in all cases. I enjoyed the learning experience I received from being on the board. Therefore, I wish to continue serving on the board as a representative from the community.

2002 Honor Court Representative

Eric Schwenker

I have served on the Honor Court for the past two years and during that time I have gained valuable experience. I have done my part to ensure that a sanction is always fair and that an offending student will learn from his or her mistakes. I have also been active in developing a "removable XF" as a new sanction for the court to use that is beneficial for students. If elected again by the Class of 2002, I will continue to work for fair court decisions, I will use my previous experience to make sure that the primary purpose of the Honor Court is education, and most importantly, I will continue to ensure that the Honor Code remains one of the most respected institutions at Hamilton College.

2002 Student Assembly Secretary Treasurer

Brenna Chiaputti

For those of you in the junior class who do not already know me I would like to introduce myself. My name is Brenna Chiaputti. I am hardworking, enthusiastic, and eager to represent our class in our last year at Hamilton. I am currently one of the representatives of our class so I have a semester of experience under my belt. I participate in many other activities on campus. Such as athletics, HAVOC, The Spectator, and am on the Orientation Staff. I feel that through these activities I have learned about responsibility and also a great deal about what makes Hamilton great and what doesn't. I want to see us as a class have a tremendous year and a great senior week and senior formal. I promise if I receive your vote that I will do my best to see that all three of these goals are met.

2003 Student Assembly Class Representative

Karsten Lund

I have become an active part in the Student Assembly, and have made every effort to make Hamilton as good as it can be for us, the students. This year, I have co-founded and led the Assembly "Student Facilities" Committee, which was created to make progress towards acgeiving a more successful Student Union, here at Hamilton. We have come a long way on this path, but there is still a lot more work to do. Please re-elect me so that we can continue this process to make ta place that really is a student center to campus.

2003 Student Assembly Class Representative

Wallis Post

As a member of the Hamilton College community I think it is important to increase all campus participation with the Student Assembly. The Student Assembly provides the means for our voices to be heard. There are several relevant issues that need to be addressed in the coming year. If elected, I propose that the option be offered to be able to do Community Service in order to pay for parking tickets. The lack of student parking is also a large problem on our campus. I think that the possibility should be offered to expand student parking. I also am an advocate of the option to use bonus meals at Cafe Opus. As a resident of Bundy I feel that the walk home from the library is poorly lit. The increase of lighting, in other areas besides the Quad, is important because these areas are often less populated

2003 Student Assmebly Secretary/Treasurer

Amanda Field

My name is Amanda Field and I am running for the position of Junior class Secretary/Treasurer/. I am hardworking and determined person when I set my mind to a goal. For the school year 2001-2002 I will take the initiative and try and help fix the allocation problem. I will fight for more money allocated to the Student Assmebly to give so our clubs and activities get the resources they need. I will also work hard with the other offices to help create more late night activities. Also with the new Student Union plans coming up, I will help make sure we get the Union we need without taking away the Farmhouse as a housing option. If you want someone who will be dedicated and work hard and work as a team member with the other Class officers, than vote Field.

2003 Judicial Board Representative

Nicholas Roberge

The most any candidate to represent us on the Judicial Board has ever offered was to be "just". If elected to be our representative, I will bring something more; I will bring a new philosophy as to the purpose of J-Board. Too often J-Board is seen as only punishing the "wrong doers" on campus and as a group to be feared, rather than being more positive and nurturing our Hamilton community. After serving a year as a Residential Advisor in Dunham, I have realized that the not fear of punishment, but a strong community is the way to maintain order. If made one of our J-Board representatives I will do my best to make the Judicial Board a community building body finding creative solutions to judicial problems, rather than ruling through the fear of social probation.
Thank-you for your support

Ali Albedawi

I believe that justice and honor are basic pillars of the Judicial Board. Justice is the upholding of what is correct and fair treatment. Honor is a code of integrity, dignity, and pride. The Judicial Board should be a place that students come to expecting and receiving a fair and speedy trial. This is what I will stand for if you elect me to the board. I am an individual known to be fair, clear headed, and one to make very good and sensible decisions. I will use my best judgment to help the board make decisions that take into consideration Hamilton College law along with the best interests of the students accused. A just trial and decision are things that all Hamilton College students are entitled to and with Ali Albedawi as Class of 2003 Judicial Board Representative that is what you all shall get.

2004 Student Assembly Class Representative

Joseph Guastella

Hello, my name is Joseph Guastella and I'm running for the position of Class Representative. I am not going to make promises I cannot uphold, but I know I will take your concerns and voice them accordingly. Being apart of the Hamilton community, I would like to take an active role in our campus activities and participate in any way possible.

Rachel Geringer-Dunn

Hi, my name is Rachel Geringer-Dunn, and I am running for a Student Assembly representative position. As an active member of the college community, I would like to become more involved in issues and decisions facing Hamilton students. I am a responsible and dedicated person who is committed to the success and happiness of our class, not to mention the entire student body. When asked what "platform" I have, I have more than one platform that interests and concerns me. Recent racial and gender issues, the quality of life at Hamilton, and renovation/changing uses of buildings are some examples. In addition, I think that positive communication between students and the administration is absolutely essential in order to maintain a relaxed academic and social environment. I share your concerns and desires, and I will work hard, to the best of my ability, to meet your needs. Thank you.

Amy Greenan

Hello fellow classmates! My name is Amy Greenan and I am running for sophomore class representative. I believe that representing your class is a serious commintment. If voted in, I will ensure that positive steps towards improving student life will be taken. I am willing and ready to advocate for all of us. Furthermore, I will listen to each and every one of your concerns. After being a Hamilton student for a year, I already have many things I would like to see implemented. Some of these include: some sort of student union (Bristol just doesn't cut it!) and renovating ELS into a friendly "hang-out" place. I am full of energy with a lot of creative ideas. Please vote for me for sophomore class representative. I know I will represent our class well and I guarentee you won't be disppointed! (Besides, we could use a dance team member on the assembly!!!)

Liz Backer

Liz Backer will work hard to:
- Create a student union by renovating ELS to include a social space, cafe, and a convenient store.
- Encourage nonexclusive social activities
- Increase funding for student run organizations
- Preserve and beautify our Hamilton College campus

Simple put, I am a conscious and involved student who thinks and cares about campus issues. having served as the Freshman Representative on the Committee on Social Programming Guidelines, I am aware of challenges that the Hamilton community faces. I would welcome the opportunity to address these challenges, listen to YOUR ideas, and work to promote the best interests of our class. Thank you for your support.

Kristin Merriman

My first year at Hamilton has been nothing short fo amazing. Many factors contribute to this, but above all my invovement in the 200-2001 Student Assembly has been the most rewarding experience thus far. Serving as your Freshman Representative was a privilege, and I would be honored if you would give me the opportunity to continue to serve you during our sophomore year. I promise that I will continue to take my job seriously by attending every meeting, voicing the concerns of the students, and keep you updated on the porjects and accomplishments of the Assembly. Beginning next semester, I would like to send out an email to the sophomore class after each meeting to let you know what the Assmebly is working on and ask for your opinions about proposed projects.
Please take time to vote. When you do, please vote KRISTIN MERRIMAN FOR SOPHOMORE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.

Marla Nasser

For the past year I have served on nthe Student Assembly as one of your class of 2004 representatives. I ahve also had four years of previous experience as president of my High School class. During the past year I have earned more about the way Hamilton can slowly be changed by the student body for the bettwe. I have done this through helping to organize and run events. I hope to continue this learning experience and represent our class to my best ability. If re-elected I will try to improve the amount and quality of events on campus and push for this through a hopeful increase in funding. I will also work toward increasing

communication between the Student Assembly and the student body. I promise to work as hard as I possible can for all the issues that are important to this class.

Jarrel Price

In the past year I have worked for the class as a representative on the Student Assembly. As a vocal member of the body, I have made sure that the freshman perspective was always heard. I quickly became involved with the Facilities Committee and the planning of a new student union. I am also involved with the Student Interests Committee so I am eager to hear your comments/suggestions. Should I be fortunate enough to be re-elected I will work hard to increase funding for student activities, in particular events that will work to further bring together our sophomore class.

Rob Parker

My name is Rob Parker and I hope to be one of our class representatives for the following school year. I am currently serving as a represenative for our class as well as serving on three additional Student Assembly committees.

This past year, I have worked hard to co-sponsor the Super Bowl party in the Annex as well as the movie night for our class. In addition, I have worked in conjunction with administration discussing social conditions and the need to integrate different factions of the student body. Currently, we're working hard to transform ELS into the student union, to improve student faculty communication, and to improve the laundry facilities in the dorms, specifically the implement of All-Campus cards. If anyone would like more specifics about these ideas, please talk to me or any current Student Assembly members. Thank you and please vote Rob Parker.

Doreet Preiss
Class of 2004,

What do you envision for the future of Hamilton College? This is the question that most interests me. I want to know how our class feels about our college community, and, as a member of the Student Assembly, I will work hard to make sure that our college stisfies the visions of its students. We have a great active college community, but, if we work together, students, faculty and administartion, we can make our college experience more fulfilling. I aim to increase communication between the college's administratioon and the students. The only way in which we, as a community, can truly come together is if everyone is involved. As a member of thew Student ssembly, I will work with you, for you, to ensure that we all have the most fulfilling 4 years possible and so that future generations of Hamilton stduyents can do so as well.

Kylie Gibson

My name is Kylie Gibson and I'm running for Representative of the Class of 2004. Many changes are taking place on campus, and I want to make sure that the students get what they want. Some of the changes I'd like to see take place are the addition of a convenience store on campus that is open l;ate hours to buy snacks and drinks, a satellite of Cafe Opus closer to the center of campus, and a social space in the basement of ELS, reminiscent of North Court. In addition, I hope to keep the Farmhouse as a resident option, so that when we are seniors, we will have the choice to live in one of the best spots on campus. We need more social options, and I will fight for increasing the amount of activities on campus in order to make Hamilton a kickin' place. Vote Kylie.

2004 Secretary/Treasurer

Graham Stephens

I have observed the situation at Hamilton College during my first year. I have a good idea of who the people are and what goes on around this campus. I would like to contribute to my class and the school as a whole. I think Student Assembly is a good entry point for me to involve myself in the activities of the Hamilton community. As the Secretary/Treasurer, I can influence the decisions made, and hopefully have a positive affect on my peers. I would like to see the flow of money in my class, and am certain that I can help it become more efficient. I am highly experienced for a position like this. I have been financial advisor to six clubs in high school (including Key Club, Aids Awareness, Movie Club, and various others). I have been investing in the financial markets for approximately five years now, and have a good understanding of money in general. I would appreciate a chance to help my class, and that is my main reason behind running.

Brendan O'Donoghue

I've proven my dedication to the class of 2004 as a committed and responsibe member of the Student Assembly/ I've served on the student interests' committee and the social honor code committee. I ahve out forth the time to gaurantee that all Student Assembly activities are a success.
I'M A VOICE FOR THE STUDENTS. I WANT TO ENSURE POLICES ARE ENACTED THAT DO NOT HINDER SOCIAL LIFE ON CAMPUS. I'm very amicable and open to your ideas. Come up to me with some of your opinions or engage me in a conversation. I want to hear what you think. I know how Student Assembly functions and what it takes to get things done. I would appreciate your support, and I ask for your vote. Thank you.

2004 Honor Court Representative

Dave Lyons

Jared Johnson, Chairman of the Honor Court, suggested I run the vacant seat formally held by Morgan Seltzer who will be traveling abroad next semseter. I ahve a genuine interest in the board's business as I have always been bothered by academic fraud and lying of any kind. At the same time, I understand that there are cases where people are not aware of their wrongdoing
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and thus education would serve as a better remedy than an overtly strict action. I do hold a few other positions on this campus, but if elected, I guarantee I would give the time and respect this position deserves.

Leah Tenney

I am someone who looks a situation without bias. I think that I am fair and honest, qualities that I have used over the past year to be an effective representative to the Honor Court
Exoerience on the Honor Court has edicated me about the academic and persoanl goals that the College has for its students, and it has given me the insight necessary to be a reliable representative and leader in the future.
The Hamilton Honor Code, and subsequently the Honor Court, is something that I have a great amount of respect for and that I view as having an integral role in the education we all receive here everyday. If am re-elected, I will put forth every effort to represent my class and to maintain the integroty and trust that both students and professors have in the Honor Code and in the Court.

2004 Judicial Board Representative

James Pulliam

Class of 2004, rather than watse your time while I foolishly boast about myself or whine about the administration's judicial policies while making hopeless, rebellious claims, I will make this short and to the point. My name is James Pulliam and I would like to be your Hamilton College Judicial Board Representative. After watcvhing three friends of mine suffer through a recent judicial proceeding, I have become motivated to make a differende for our community. Honestly, I am interested in the Hamilton judicial process and will do whatever is in my student representative power to maintain justice at Hamilton while not precluding guilt nor infringing on our rights as students.

Allison Domm

The tight community that Hamilton offers is why this is the perfect place for me. I feel safe on this campus and if re-elected for Judicial Board, I would give every case my utmost care. I am qualified and unbiased, and will strive for everyone to feel comfortable here at Hamilton.

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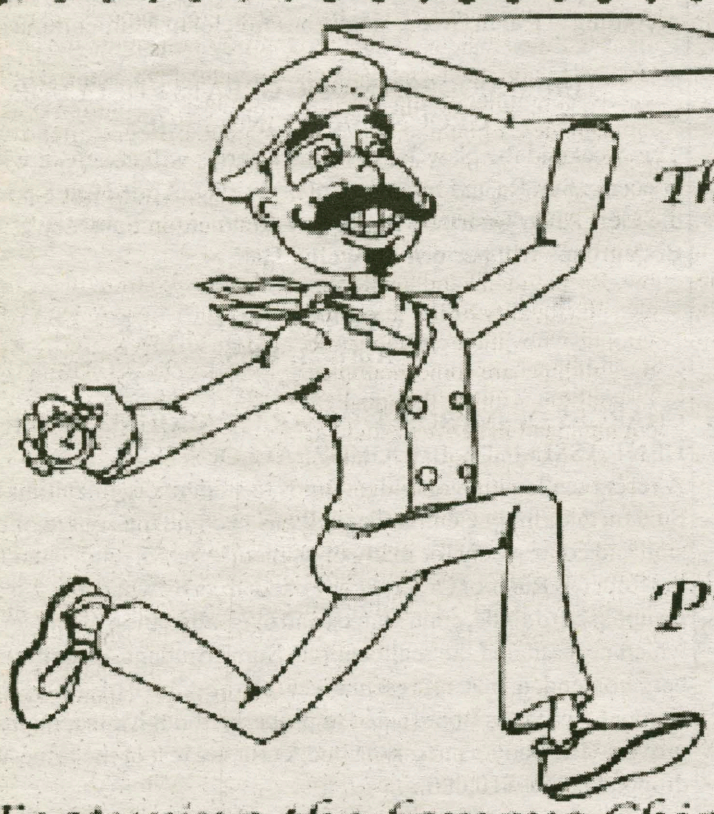
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Parking remains hot topic

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development of new quadrangles, and environmental concerns," said President Eugene M. Tobin. "I am very aware of the issues related to parking and the matter is under serious examination."

Many students continue to be perplexed by the fact that the college has not built more parking lots or spaces that are centrally located to classrooms and dorms. The college is looking into making some changes, but for cosmetic and aesthetic reasons, the school does not want to build more lots.

"There are no specific plans to build any new lots on campus," said O'Leary. "However, with construction of the new science building set to begin in next summer, the lot behind the library will be closed and used as a construction site. We are currently trying to find new locations to replace that lot and one possibility is the enhancement of North Lot.

"They shouldn't turn the whole campus into one huge parking lot, but they should be a little more accommodating to students," said Ryan MacAvery '02. "For example, I've parked in Milbank circle for two minutes and run into the dorm and come out and have had a 75 dollar ticket on my car. And I really think that most kids pay for these tickets out of their own pocket and maybe there could be a compromise on how much they charge for tickets."

Students are supposed to register their cars on campus for a $50 fee and are assigned to a particular parking lot on campus. Campus Safety gives students a decal, which they must place on their car. The decals campus safety officers to recognize which cars belong in which lots.

Problems often arise because many students drive from one part of campus to another part and park in places where their sticker is not valid. The result is a situation where students park illegally and take the spots of other students registered to that lot.

"I just want to know the logic behind the decision to issue more parking permits in Milbank lot than parking spaces," said Scott Nussbaum '01. "I paid $50 for a parking space in Milbank lot, and when there aren't any spaces in the lot, this situation just begs for students to park illegally in the faculty lot.

Nussbaum is not alone in his frustration. "I, along with many other students who live off campus are allowed to park in Root Extension," said Erica Ball '01. "The problem is that sometimes I drive up before class and there are no spots in Root Extension, so I park in the regular Root lot and I get ticketed."

But like many students who receive tickets, Ball appealed the ticket because the lot she was supposed to park in was full and as a result she parked in an adjacent lot where she received the ticket. Campus Safety will often void tickets on appeal if there is justification. But the fact that they void many tickets makes many students wonder why the tickets are issued in the first place.

"Usually if you appeal the ticket, they will void it," added Ball. "I don't get it, because it is just more paperwork and more annoying for everyone involved. The campus safety officer writes the ticket, then I have to go in and appeal it, and then they throw the ticket out anyway."

The actual process is not as arbitrary as many believe. In reality, there is an appeals committee that determines whether or not tickets get voided, yet students still believe problems exist with the entire issue of Campus Safety writing large amounts of tickets and then students having to go through the appeals process.

Look for the second installment on parking tickets in next week's issue.

College to award honorary degrees

Hamilton College will honor four of its own illustrious alumni, plus an education scholar and a jazz music great, with the presentation of honorary degrees at the College's 189th commencement on Sunday, May 20.

Honorary degree recipients are Dr. John M. Driscoll, Jr., 1958 Hamilton College graduate and chairman of the department of pediatrics at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York; Dr. Paul Greengard, 2000 Nobel Prize winner in Physiology or Medicine and a 1948 graduate; Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, author, Harvard professor and education scholar; Ralph Sutton, jazz pianist; Tom Vilsak, governor of Iowa and a 1979 graduate of Hamilton College; Melinda Wagner, 1999 winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Music, and a 1979 graduate of Hamilton College.

The honorary degrees will be presented during Hamilton's commencement exercises on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the Main Quadrangle.

Admissions holds open house

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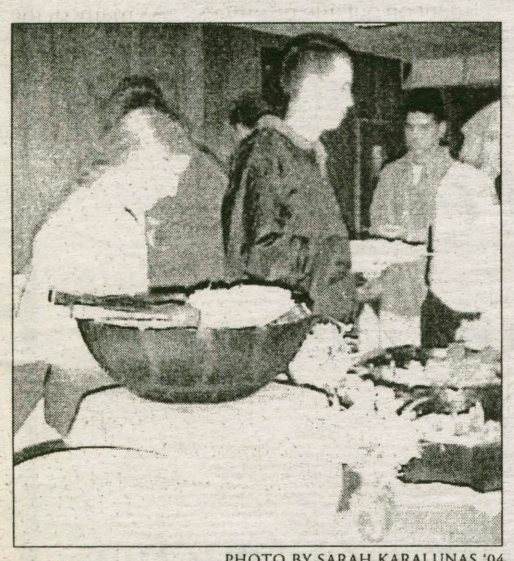
program's success."

Assistant Dean of Admission Andrea DuVall agreed, noting that "the evaluations received so far indicate a very positive response."



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Prospectives at the closing lunch.

DuVall explained how important the open house can be for students even if they had visited campus before.

"When students originally visit it is with the mindset of hoping to be admitted to the school," said DuVall. "Now they are looking from the perspective of determining if Hamilton is the place for them."

One accepted student who participated in the Open House was enthusiastic about the chance to experience life on the Hill. This highschooler, hailing from Colorado, spent the night in Dunham with host Anna Crowe '03.

The highschool senior said, "I'm not basing my entire decision on my experience during the Open House, but it has been extremely helpful in letting me see a slice of Hamilton". She also commented that Hamilton was the only school she was looking at that offered such an extensive and organized open house program and for that she was very grateful. Host and tourguide Crowe said, "I wanted to show my prospective a better time then I had when I was visiting!"

For students other than early decision and early action applicants, acceptance letters were mailed on Friday, March 23rd. A total of three open houses are offered to prospective Hamilton students during the year. In addition to the Accepted Student Open House that took place this week, the college also runs Summer Open House offered in August and Fall Open House in November.

Hamilton Admissions stresses that these open houses are not for interviews but rather provide an opportunity for the students to meet and speak informally with various professors and Hamilton students.

This Week In Hamilton History

Compiled by Matthew Speer '03
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25 YEARS AGO
April 16, 1976

COLLEGES REVIEW FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT BIDS

Hamilton and Kirkland colleges are reviewing bids for next year's food service contract from four food service companies and one independent contractor, according to R. Gordon Bingham, dean of Hamilton students. The companies which have submitted bids are SAGA, which serviced Hamilton and Kirkland until 1969, ARA-Slater, which services Utica College, Interstate United, and the present contractor Service Systems. The independent contractor is Dave Davis, a Hamilton alumnus currently living in Clinton.

COLLEGES MAKE TENURE CHOICES

The Hamilton Board of Trustees, at their March meeting, approved President Caravano's recommendation to tenure John O'Neill, assistant professor of English, Gordon Pritchett, assistant professor of mathematics, and Richard P. Suttmeier, assistant professor of government. The tenure decisions of Thomas Murphy, assistant professor of physical education, and Valerie Warrior, associate professor of classics have also been made by Caravano and will be presented to the Board at their next meeting.

Three Kirkland professors – Carol Bellini-Sharp, assistant professor of theatre, Nadine George assistant professor of history and science, and Douglas Raybeck, assistant professor of anthropology have received tenure.

GAMES IN THE BRISTOL BASEMENT

The games room in Bristol basement proves to be an addiction for many Hamilton students, despite often times oppressive heat. Mike Borden, on the pinball found there, considers it "a kind of therapy, where I can take my mind off things." He said he has spent about a dollar a day on pinball. Also included in the games room are pool and bowling. Most of the students in the game room said they spent about five hours a week there.

10 YEARS AGO
APRIL 19, 1990

MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE FORMS STRATEGIES

This past weekend Hamilton hosted visitors from five New York State colleges at a "Multicultural Strategies for the '90s" conference, the first formal attempt to gather colleges in New York for discussion about curricular goals and multicultural concerns. The conference featured numerous speakers and workshops which prompted participants to share their experiences and "to talk about strategies colleges need to take to address the various cultural needs of their students," according to Karen Green, Hamilton Director of Multicultural affairs.

THREE MODERN MUSIC GREATS CONCLUDE GROUNDBREAKING SERIES

This weekend the New Jazz Network series will conclude with two concerts: Sun Ra and his Arkestra on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m., and the Geri Allen Quartet with Dewey Redmen on Saturday at 8 p.m. Both groups will perform in Wellin Hall.

6 YEARS AGO
April 21, 1995

CHARGES OF IMPROPER CONDUCT ABOUND AFTER STUDENT ASSEMBLY BUDGET REALLOCATION

A recent reallocation of budget funds to student organizations by the Student Assembly Central Council has become the source of confusion and controversy for many of its members. Misunderstanding of the Robert's Rules of Order, a code of conduct by which the Assembly is supposed to abide, contributed to an over-allocation of budget funds which necessitated the reallocation. Some Student Assembly members contended that representatives of the Class of 1995 and the Campus Activities Board acted improperly, though this remains to be proven. The body's remaining budget for the rest of the semester has dropped below $10,000.

NEW YORK CITY LIBRARY PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

New York Public Library President Paul LeClerc will deliver the commencement address at Hamilton's 183rd graduation. Approximately 420 students will receive bachelor's degrees during the ceremony.

Editorial

The Spectator printed a story in last week's issue about an official college investigation into a possible hazing incident involving the crew team. Since then, multiple members of the crew team, speaking on the condition of anonymity, have reported to Spectator editors that some individuals on the crew team responded to the article by removing stacks of newspapers from campus distribution sites. The destruction of any media entity is a sorry and reprehensible act.

Crew-team sources reported that a small group of members, rather than the team as a whole, was involved with the removal of the papers. The fault therefore lies not with the crew team itself, but with the motivation of the misguided individuals who decided that an arguably criminal act was the way to address their concerns.

Like every other campus organization, The Spectator has a budget to carry out its operations. Like any organization, or team, for that matter, individuals pool their resources in the pursuit of a larger goal. Each week the staff puts in well over one hundred hours of work to bring the campus news and entertainment. By removing the newspapers from stands, certain members of the crew team implied that their concern trumped the time, energy, and dollars put into The Spectator. Their act also demonstrated a misunderstanding of important campus dynamics, the law, and the spirit of democracy.

While there may be disagreement about specific issues at Hamilton, it must be agreed that respect is absolutely essential to the greater goal of understanding at this college. There is sufficient variation among opinions on campus that communication is necessary. Communication can be positive or it can be negative. Town halls, forums, even chalkings can be positive; trashing a newspaper for an article viewed as unfriendly to an organization is negative communication and therefore useless.

It is also illegal. The individuals may not realize that The Spectator is campus property, like a light post or a dorm window. Intentionally destroying campus property is punishable on campus by the judicial board; off the Hill, police and courts enter the picture.

But there is a broader and deeper vein uncovered here. Democracy stands at a considerable disadvantage where there is no shared belief in the importance of the exchange of information between all levels of society. For this reason the framers of the Constitution established at square one that the freedom of speech is an unalienable right.

Years later, the spirit of communication is brought to life by a free press that attempts to build links between otherwise inaccessible corners of society: government, ghettos, industry and other institutions that make up the patchwork of America. The right way for community members to address their concerns is to write a letter to the editor, start a protest, draft a petition, anything but destroy a vehicle for campus idea exchange and the work of dozens of people.

The Spectator strives to uphold the ideals of journalistic integrity. If members of the community believe that we have failed, we welcome and expect the community to engage us properly and put us in check - productively, not destructively.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:
To the person who hurled a rock through my office window in the dead of night last weekend. I take it you were trying to persuade me and others, and perhaps yourself, that you were a real man, and not just a nasty whiny brat. You failed.

Sincerely,
Maurice Isserman

To the editor:
I am a student that is abroad right now in South Africa and am totally offended by the atrocity of the articles on race. The reference to Kirkland as a shantytown. I just moved out of a neighborhood where there were shanties right next door to the small house I lived in. There is such a bigger world out there and I don't think it's culturally appropriate for ignorant white privileged Americans to be writing such ridiculous uninformed articles. To make matters worse, it only exasperates the problem Americans have with their reliance upon the media as a somewhat realistic look at what's happening in the world. Wake up, Hamilton. Dive in, the world is waiting to challenge you and your pompous assuming minds.
Heather Onderick

Tax-cheaters benefit from IRS staff decrease

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

As the Internal Revenue Service begins sorting through the millions of tax return forms completed April 16, taxpayers may have less reason to fear being audited.

Since 1992 the IRS has lost a sixth of its staff. Last year alone, the number of employees dropped to 97,000 from 115,000. The number of tax returns, meanwhile, increased by ten percent within the same interval. Thus, the number of cases reviewed by each employee increased significantly. Despite this loss, the agency seems to have no problem keeping up with the reviewing of tax returns. However, there are indications that the IRS may be falling behind schedule in basic enforcement functions. To double-check some of the tax returns, the IRS compares forms filed by individuals to corporations, banks, employers etc. Last year, the agency was able to examine only one out of six cases closely. This number represents a decrease from four out of six in 1997. Another significant decline is on the number of individual tax returns audited. Last year only one case out of 204 was audited, a sharp decline from one out of every 67 cases in 1995.

Associate Professor of Economics Stephen Wu suggests that "maybe the decrease in the IRS staff is due to the expected increase in the employee productivity due to Tele-file or E-file." Tele-file enables taxpayers who meet certain requirements to file their tax returns over the phone by punching numbers. E-file is the system introduced by the IRS to make the tax return transactions over the Internet. Although security is still a debatable issue, it is likely that more and more taxpayers will choose this system because of its benefits such as the speed.

Strategic plan focuses on written and oral communication

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sions to assure opportunities for all science majors to undertake research. As director of the summer research programs at Hamilton, Professor David Gapp hopes that the Strategic Plan will "strengthen summer research and expand the current focus of the program beyond science and math."

Assuring research should help to attract science majors to the school. The strategic plan specifically identifies a desire to increase the number of science majors to 30 to 35% from the current 25%.

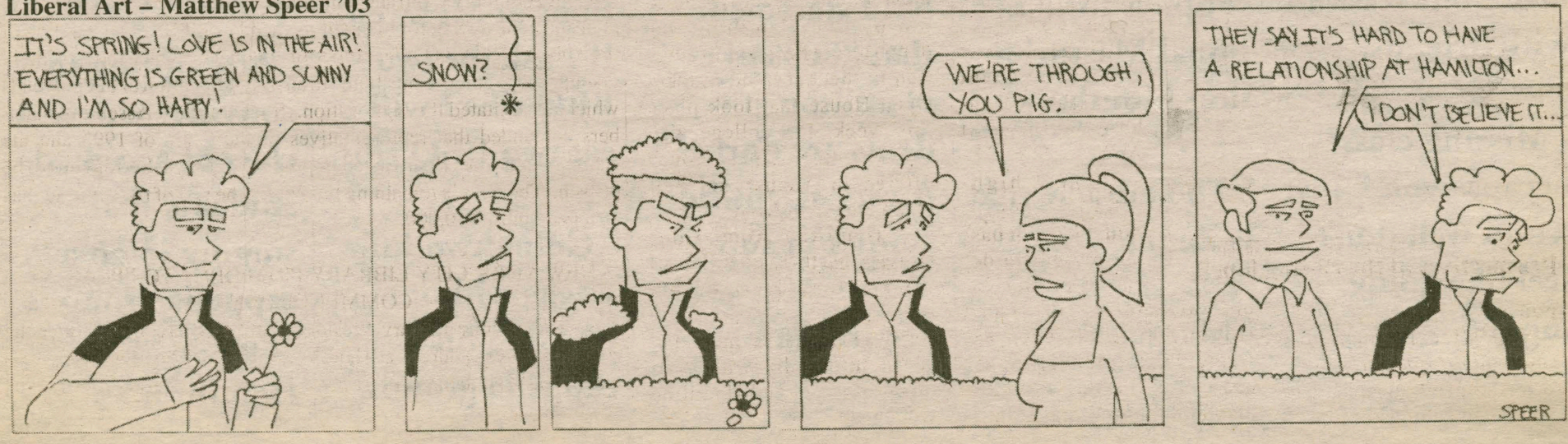
Paris explained that students interested in pursuing the sciences are typically strong academically.

The plan allows for an expansion of the Emerson grant to all disciplines of study, which according to Gapp will "make for a larger, more academically diverse body of summer research students."

Though it may not be plausible to incorporate all disciplines into the summer research program, the plan provides the opportunity for each department to develop its own program specific to the area of study.

Gapp also stated that the "implementation of the plan will establish a constant support for the research that is not dependent on outside resources." As many of the current research grants are unavailable to the college on a continual basis, and are very competitive, they are not guaranteed. The stability of the funding inherent to the Strategic Plan will guarantee that the resources will be available year after year.

Liberal Art – Matthew Speer '03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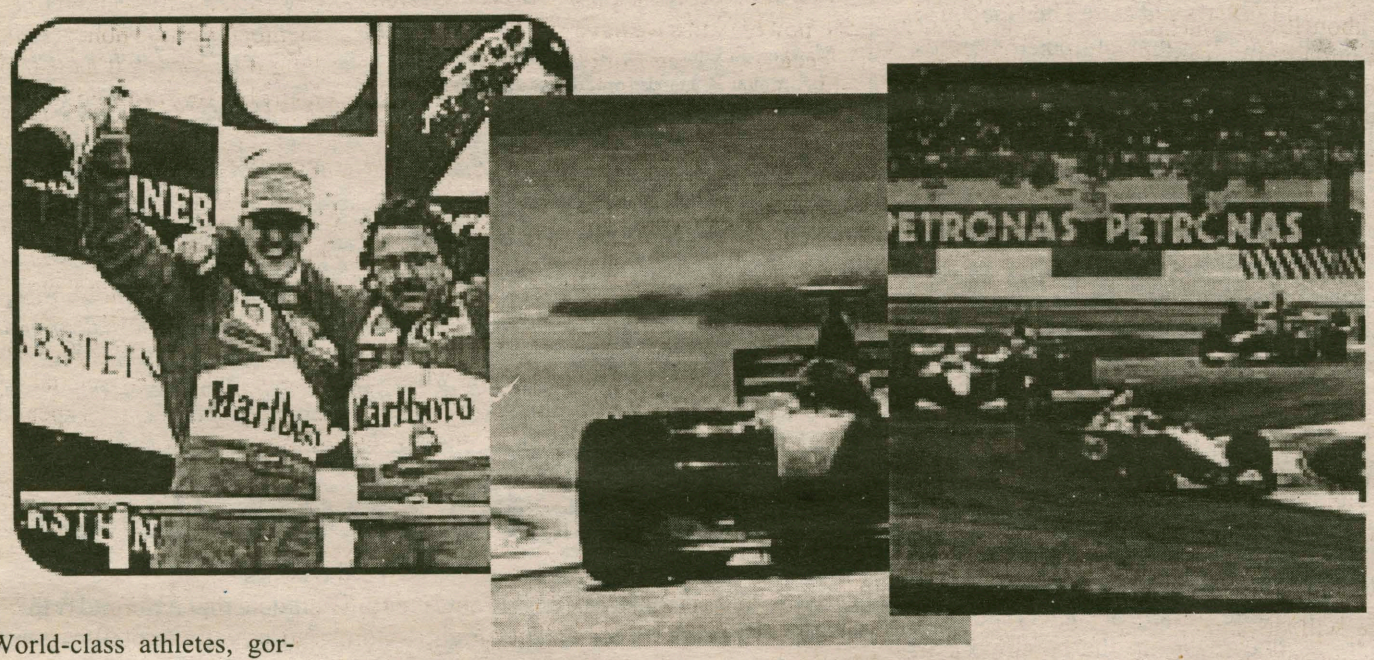
Insights & Ideas

An open mind for open-wheeled racing



Dan Reitman

World-class athletes, gorgeous women, exotic locales, mind-numbing speed. No, I'm not describing a lavish, post-season NBA party. Rather, I'm talking about what must be the most overlooked, underrated sport in this country: Formula 1 racing. The open-wheeled (wheels protrude past the car's body) race series, comprising seventeen races in nearly as many countries, is second only to soccer as the most popular sport in the world. The sport's reigning champ, Michael Schumacher, is now considered the world's most recognizable, living athlete, surpassing the likes of Muhammed Ali and Pele in fan zeal. Yet, were I to ask someone in this country for what team Schumacher raced (Ferrari), I'd get a non-verbal response akin to a dog seeing his own reflection for the first time. How come?

Well, the most obvious answer is that, up until this year, the United States did not host the event - Montreal is the only North American stop - therefore there could be little justifiable interest in the sport, especially with our history of disinterest in anything foreign. To that end, I must admit that I, myself, cannot remember the last time I was motivated to watch a soccer match between, say, Ecuador and Peru. Not exactly the clash of the titans, as far as I'm concerned. Also, it should be said that we have hosted the series in the past. Indianapolis last hosted an F1 race some fifteen years ago. But attendance and viewership were lagging by that point, hence the event's discontinuation.

But the idea that American racing fans would have no interest in the sport is surprising. We have the NASCAR and Indy/CART series, both of which are hugely successful leagues, raking in billions of dollars, annually. Compared to its American counterparts, Formula 1 is a technically more demanding sport, with more expensive, sophisticated cars and equipment, and a higher average speed. Also, the tracks are as varied as the countries in which they race: no ovals here. Most importantly, the athletes face greater mortal danger (a surefire plus for bloodthirsty viewers) than in any other sport, thanks to the spectacular crashes inherent in open-wheeled racing.

The athletes manning these machines are regarded as the best drivers in the world, with almost supernatural abilities and instincts. As a group , this latest batch of pilots' only shortcoming as masters of the universe is that they are, well, on the boring side. With the exception of the rambunctious Irishman, Eddie Irvine - who dares anyone to perform better than he post-hangover - these people, at least when interviewed, are dull.

Reasons for this range from their a) being spent after a grueling race, b) being hindered by the language barrier, or c) having sacrificed their social skills, partying, and human emotion for a sixth sense of the steering wheel. Mind you, there has been charisma in the past, with the likes of Scottish champion Jackie Stewart (pronounced "Jekkie Sturt") embodying the playful excess of the 1970's. But many would argue that, with the significantly higher average speeds achieved since that decade, the risk of death or serious injury has become that much more real. Drivers, hence, must be able to concentrate that much more on the task at hand, foregoing, perhaps, a hard night's drinking or time to socialize.

So these heavily sponsored daredevils may have lost some of their charm and wit, but if any recent races have shown, these drivers still manage to turn up with the most beautiful women in the world. Guys, take note: hot women like men who drive very fast cars...and get paid $10 million, annually, for doing so. True, though, how that last bit always seems to escape the consciousness of the undersexed lead-foots of the world's roads. While more cultured and possibly not as wild or uninhibited as a pack of lustful teenage rock-chicks, the women in the VIP sections of these events garner stares from miles away. They are also, generally speaking, unattainable to us mortals. But let us not digress too much from the main issue, why there is no F1 in the U.S.

The main barrier to enter the sport competitively has been, as with most any other sport, money. Teams spend in excess of $200 million annually to compete, with the tire bill alone for a weekend easily approaching six figures. But with the Friday practice sessions, Saturday qualifying and the Sunday race adding up to about seven hours of total weekend broadcast time, with 15 weekends total, and a regular viewership of roughly 100 million, it's probably the best deal in advertising. While this is a huge chunk of loot on paper, it's nothing but chump change to the Microsoft's and Coca-Cola's of the nation. For those guys that want to globalize and advertise to that end, F1 racing is a great medium.

If Formula 1 were to make a serious bid to re-invigorate American audiences, it would be a win-win situation. The league would get stupendous exposure and American fans would get a higher quality product - not that I have anything against Dale Jarett, mullets, or NASCAR ("Whoah, Jeff done gone made hi'sself a left turn!"). Most importantly, with the exception of the Olympics, Americans would have the chance to prove themselves and justify their arrogance, sans-stealth fighters and cruise missiles, to the international community. Zoom!

Thumbs Up

- Long lasting make-out sessions with 'friends.'

- Missing classes because you " just damn well don't feel like going today."

- Stocking up on supplies for National Masturbation Month.

- The miracle that is Zantac 75.

- Marge.

Thumbs Down

- Making the bold statement that "80% of Hamilton students are dorks." A very scientific study I'm sure.

- Spirit gum.

- The skimpy portions at McEwen. If I ask for two BBQ ribs I will eat two BBQ ribs.

- Going two full weeks without trashing on a cappella groups.

Who Cares?

- Attempting to convince a new class of accepted students that singing in an a cappella group is "hot" at Hamilton.

Honesty & Action: Striking a Balance

SETH O'BRYAN

When I write these articles, I try to balance between being honest and personal but also write from the perspective that the rest of campus can appreciate and understand. There have been stretches where I didn't like what I wrote and kept thinking I'd stop, but then I'd get a random compliment from someone and it would motivate me to keep writing for another week. My goal is always to reach out to the campus and make people feel like they aren't alone or make people question their own approach to life here.

When I write, I try and picture a particular person reading this and wonder what they are feeling. For some reason, I love this college, and I'm hooked on this thing of doing everything I can to make it closer to the tight knit community I dream it can be.

These articles are one way for me to try and accomplish it. Sometimes, it's frustrating to realize how little one person can do, change is a long and slow process. It's something we all need to put on our own shoulders as individuals, it's our own responsibility to make the best of our experience here. We can't wait for someone else to do things for us. You can't ask what the college is doing to improve things; you have to ask yourself what you are doing to improve your own life and place here.

This week has been a time of a great deal of reflection for me. I've bounced around on different articles, I wanted to write a fun article about love, about how it's such a universal human experience to desire someone or be in with love someone. There are some things we can all talk about regardless of age, gender, race, sexual preference.

It's beautiful. It's beautiful how there can be this person you don't even talk to, but you have feelings for, and just a smile from that person brightens your day. It's beautiful when you are in love and you wake up in the morning and see the sun, stars, and moon right in front of your face. I want write about why we shouldn't have a social honor code, and how I'm worried that the college will do something most of the student body doesn't want or even understand why it's not necessarily a good idea.

Most of all, I want to write about a speak-out on April 25 on Martin's Way Josh Conklin and I are trying to put together. All year I've tried hard to help people of different groups understand each other. I think the majority of students here are unaware of what it's like or what it means to be a minority here, or to have an alternative sexual preference or to be disabled here. There's no talk about it, there's this silence here, this silence of there's nothing wrong since most people are content here because the power is in their hands. But they don't see it, they don't see the power relationship, and that's because they are on the other side, they are on the content comfortable side.

Silence is an action, an action of approval that things should stay the way they are, when injustice is happening here just like it happens in the rest of the world. And for the majority of students, they don't see it, which is very comfortable for them. So come and listen at the speak-out, and take the message seriously; think about what you aren't seeing, and be active in pursuing your own education.

This week I had a moment of jealousy, thinking that I don't get enough credit for the things I do. I hate it when I think like that. We need to live life for us, regardless of what anyone else thinks. We are beautiful, special, brilliant people. Part of the college experience is discovering your own identity; this is the time where we grown into our own person and get ready to live in the real world with real responsibilities.

We shouldn't be afraid; it's time we enter the best part of the ride. We have been lucky enough to get a great college education, most people have no idea how lucky that is. Few, few people get the opportunity we have, and few people have the opportunities we have as a result of graduating from here.

We are going to get married, hopefully most of us will get jobs we love, have children-who are so beautiful, and most of all, we are going to get to meet more people. I'm going to cry at graduation, because of the memories and all the people that have managed to grow into my heart.

Don't worry about what everyone else thinks, don't worry about reputation or money or fame or getting hurt. Because you have so many memories and great people in your lives, you should know you are special. Everyone should walk on Martin's Way with their heads up, and everyone should leave this college proud of themselves.

Be honest with the people who have impacted you-from professors, to friends to staff members, a little honesty goes a long way. I know it's the people in my life here, who cover a wide range of groups, that have made my experience so special. My point is twofold-be honest with yourself and with others and when it's hard to do that, be strong. Second, remember to step outside of your comfort zone; when the opportunity presents itself, make sure you take the chance. See you at the speak-out and support Josh Conklin's 24-hour marathon today/tomorrow on WCHL.

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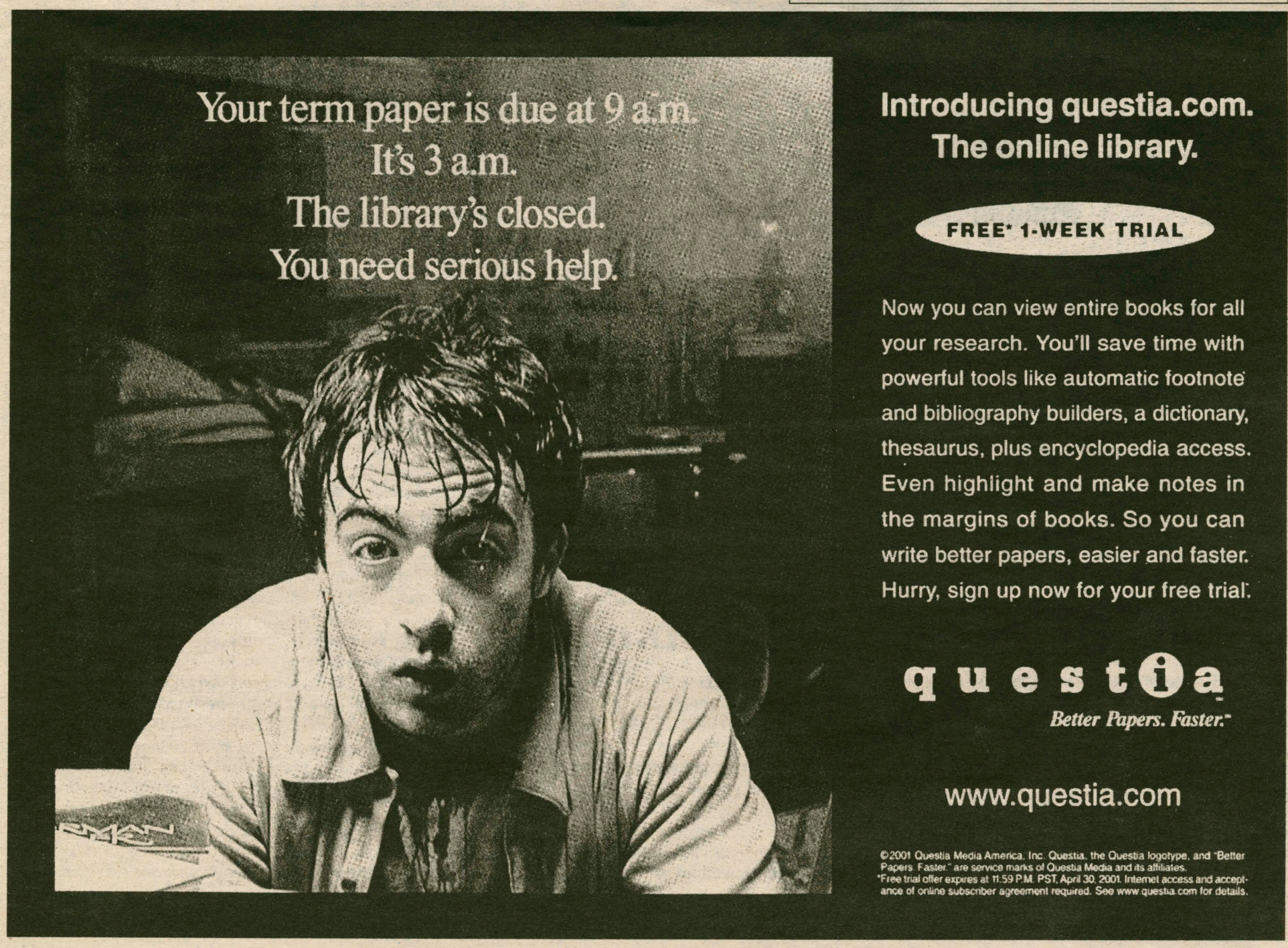
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Arts & Entertainment

Bridget Jones's Diary is one worth reading

by Matt Olney'01
A&E EDITOR

The premise of *Bridget Jones's Diary* is as conventional as they come. A woman is introduced to a handsome man, but they do not get along. After a bad experience with another man, she realizes that the man she met in the beginning is the man of her dreams; however, he has moved on, and she spends the rest of the film trying to win him back.

We saw this plot, more or less, in *Notting Hill, My Best Friend's Wedding,* and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, and like the forementioned films, *Bridget Jones's Diary* is entertaining.

While I foresaw each plot twist two moves before it happened, I didn't mind, because there were many other aspects of this film that were quality, starting with the acting.

Renee Zelleweger, formerly known as Dorothy Boyd of *Jerry MaGuire*, plays the lead character, Bridget Jones. Jones is a quirky 32-year-old who is being pressured by everyone in her life to get married, but she cannot find the right man. She smokes, eats and drinks too much, and speaks her mind without weighing the consequences. She is the fun-loving character whom everyone around her loves. And though we know the outcome of her lovelife, I was always interested in how she would fumble into it.

I was also surprised at how well she pulled off the British accent. Most actors, such as John Malkovich in *Rounders*, fail when trying to immitate a foreign accent, but Zelleweger seemed very comfortable with the British jargon.

Hugh Grant plays a much different character than we are used to. Normally, Grant plays the bumbling idiot, like his character in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, but here he plays the exact opposite- a confident, sturdy control freak who has no qualms about abusing his power. He is the bad guy, and plays it convincingly.

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Zelleweger plays Bridget Jones, the bumbling Brit who over–smokes, eats, and drinks, but always smiles.

Colin Firth is the object of Jones's affection. Firth is the British version of Campbell Scott: suave, handsome, and economical with his words. Firth is a confident actor who, in personality and in looks, fits his character very well. In *Bridget Jones' Diary* he plays a lawyer looking for something exciting in his life, and Bridget Jones is that excitement.

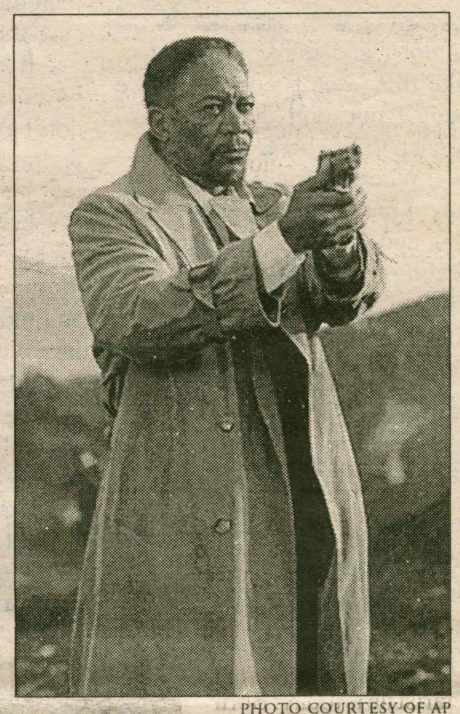
Though the plot is predictable, the dialogue is excellent, and the moods and dynamics of the characters are beautifully captured. Jones, the film's most complex character, narrates the film to give the audience more insight into what she is feeling. She is very truthful, yielding a humorous and embarrassing look at her own life as well as the lives of others.

Similar to the early works of Mike Leigh, *Bridget Jones's Diary* thrives on the pathetic attempts at normality of its lead characters. No matter how hard she works on her diet or how many times she attempts to quit smoking, she will remain the same fun-loving person. She will still be the only one to dress like a "tart" at the "tarts and vicars" party, despite the fact that the "tarts and vicars" part of the party was called off. She will still be the one to make blue soup for her friends, and she will still be the one to wear a see-through blouse to work. Bridget will always have conflict in her life, because without conflict she would be bored.

Freeman Shines, Spider burns

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

Like so many other films these days, *Along Came a Spider* has little to recommend itself. It is your basic run-of-the-mill suspense/action/thriller that delivers all of the conventions of the genre: a depressed, middle-aged detective pursues an evil genius with the aide of a beautiful young blonde whose hair never dares to moves out of place. And since Spider is set in our nation's capital, there are plot twists involving embassies, the Secret Service, an international crisis, and congressmen, because why else would the director choose D.C. for the location? The action and suspense may keep you interested for a couple of hours, but ultimately, this film is neither very good nor very bad, so it is not likely to make an impression.



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Morgan Freedman serves it up lukewarm as detective Alex Cross.

Director Lee Tamahori decides to open *Along Came a Spider* aggressively; immediately after the catchy title credits (that draw on an underused spider motif), we are immersed in the action of a sting operation headed by Detective Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman, who is the only reason to see this film). In a frenzy of panic and confusion, Cross's partner is killed. This sequence is supposed to give us a glimpse inside Cross's head, and we learn that this traumatic incident is the reason why he is depressed and guilt-ridden and refuses to work with a partner for the rest of the film. The opening flashback takes about fifteen minutes of the two-hour-long movie. Why Tamahori would decide to waste so much time explaining this superfluous detail in Cross's past is anyone's guess, especially since in the next 105 minutes he tosses character development aside entirely, and all characters become two-dimensional so that he can get to the plot... and boy, is there a lot of plot to get through.

When the film switches to the present, a young senator's daughter is kidnapped from her school in spite of its high-security measures and the fact that the girl has a personal secret service agent protecting her. The kidnapper is Gary Soneji (Michael Wincott), a disturbing individual who seems to have no agenda or motive for the kidnapping other than prove that he can do it better than anyone else, damn it. He needs an audience for his crime, so he calls up Detective Cross and leaves one of the girl's shoes in his mailbox. Cross's curiosity is immediately piqued. Why Soneji would go out of his way to entice a cop to investigate him and why he chooses Cross in particular are never fully explained in the movie. Then comes along Jezzie Flannigan (Monica Potter), the secret service agent in charge of the girl's safety, who endears herself to Cross and eventually works with him on the case. And here comes a huge problem in the film: Potter looks like a Barbie and is about as expressive as one. It is painful to see Morgan Freeman and Potter in the same scenes. Freeman is relaxed and resigned and gives a beautifully understated performance as the loner cop. He completely overshadows Potter's weak and monotone Flannigan. In the scenes they have together, you'd wish the two would toss the poorly-written script (courtesy of Marc Moss and James Patterson) aside for a moment, and Freeman would start giving Potter lessons in acting instead of in detective work. But I am afraid even that wouldn't save *Along Came a Spider*. The direction is weak; the characters, unconvincing; and the story, conventional.

Eight strings of fury
Charlie Hunter to play the Annex

by Chris Fogelstrom '03
A&E ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As part of Hamilton's unofficial "Guitar Gods" weekend (ie. John Abercrombie), Charlie Hunter will be performing this Friday in the Annex. Although I regret not having spoken with Hunter, I did pull some great quotes from www.charliehunter.com in an effort to create one of our patented *A&E* quasi-interviews. Let the paraphrasing begin!

With the sea of so-called "jam bands" filled to the brink, it is often difficult to find an act that stands the test of musical inventiveness. Typically, these groups enter a world in which the average shelf life of their popularity is about as long as the life of a fruit fly. May I make a recommendation to the proletariat of the jazz/rock scene? Pull a "Hunter."

Charlie Hunter's music is often described as percussive, meaty, and even ethereal. Known as one of the new breed of up-and-coming jazz/jam band musicians, his eight-string guitar sets him apart both physi-

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Glenwood Oneida Movieplex Showtimes

Along Came A Spider
4:55 7:20 9:40

Blow
4:50 7:30 10:00

Crocodile Dundee In L.A.
5:05 7:10 9:15

Spy Kids
4:45 6:50 8:55

Someone Like You
5:05 7:10 9:20

Heartbreakers
4:40 7:00 9:25

Freddie Got Fingered
5:50 7:40 9:50

Bridget Jones's Diary
5:15 7:25 9:35

Josie & The Pussycats
5:10 7:15 9:10

Adventures of Joe Dirt
4:35 7:00 9:00

Charlie Hunter to play Hamilton

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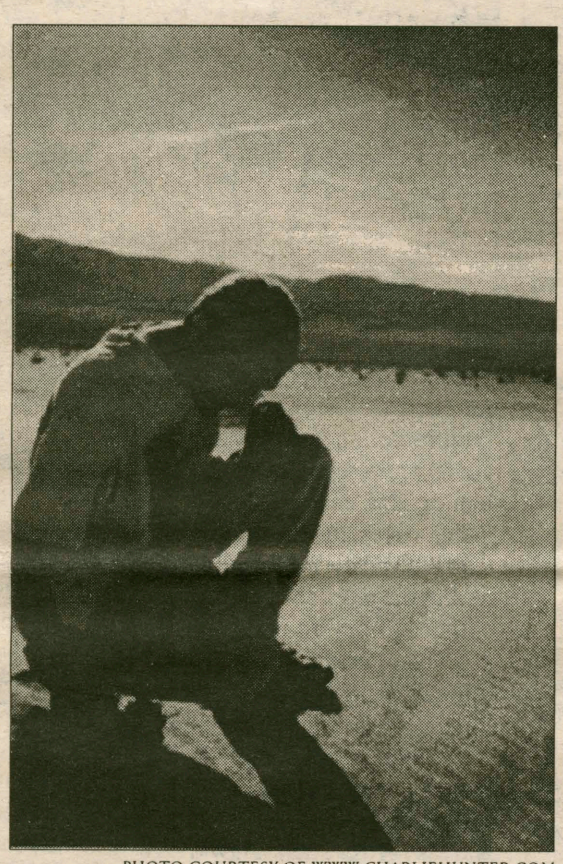
cally and sonically from most guitarists. Hunter's playing and song-writing have earned him critical acclaim and a plethora of top-notch session partners to record with, namely Leon Parker and Les Claypool. One look at the biography of Charlie Hunter reveals, however, that his incredible technical ability and unique style have been forecasted almost from the start.

Hunter's past and his musical tastes and influences groomed him to become the guitarist he is today. Born in Berkeley, CA, Hunter is the son of a guitar repairperson. Growing up in Berkeley, Hunter attended the same high school as saxophone virtuoso Joshua Redman and took lessons from Joe Satriani, about which he chuckles, "in Berkeley, everyone took lessons from Satriani." As Hunter approached his twenties, his tastes turned from rock and funk toward jazz. He soaked up information and ideas from jazz albums featuring such legends as Charlie Christian, Muddy Waters, Marvin Gaye, Charlie Parker, Stevie Wonder, John Coltrane, and Wes Montgomery. After a stint in 1993 with The Disposable Heroes of Hypocrisy, a band signed to Les Claypool's (Primus) record label, Hunter took his custom-built eight string guitar and started work on his own band. He hasn't looked back.



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Hunter contemplates the logistics of playing an eight string guitar.

Since 1993 Charlie Hunter has released eight albums and performed on countless other collaborative efforts. Hunter will take his trio to the Annex this Friday at 8 p.m. In the past the Hamilton community has received jazz/jam band acts warmly. Earlier this year, The Miracle Orchestra, a Boston-based jam band, attracted a large crowd of students on a Monday night. The Hunter show should be no exception. His eclectic mix of rock, hip-hop, and jazz should give the jam-hungry community of Hamilton something to satiate their appetite.

WHCL Top 30 Albums

1] Bingo Trappers
Juanita Ave.

2] Red House Painters
Old Ramon

3] Dashboard Confessional
Places You Have Come to Fear...

4] [various]
KCRW: Sounds Eclectic

5] Matt Pond PA
I Thought You Were Sleeping

6] Ashley Stove
All Summer Long

7] Pete Yorn
Musicforthemorningafter

8] The Sixth Great Lake
Up The Country

9] The Lucksmiths
Why that doesn't surprise me

10] Rainer Maria
A Better Version of Me

11] Boy Crazy
self titled

12] Dear Nora
self titled

13] Incredible Moses Leroy
self titled

14] Minders
Golden St.

15] Silver Scooter
The Blue Law

16] Kind of Like Spitting
$100 Room

17] Poor, Rich Ones
Happy, Happy, Happy

18] Cinerama
John Peel Sessions

19] Lenola
Treat me to Some Life

20] [various]
Japan for Sale

21] Kleenex Girl Wonder
Smith

22] Swag
Catch-All

23] Stephen Malkmus
self-titled

24] Spoon
Girls Can Tell

25] Andrew Bird
Swimming Hour

26] Hefner
We Love the City

27] Momus
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28] Mezzanines
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The Science Pages

Barash to study prions in Iceland

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE WRITER

Late last month, Jed Barash was named a J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholar. This honor will allow him to spend next year at the Institute of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Iceland pursuing a project entitled "The Role of Manganese and Copper in the Initiation of Sporadic Scrapie."

Barash, a senior Pre-Med/Government major, was encouraged to apply for the Fulbright by Student Fellowships Coordinator Ginny Dosch. Consequently, he contacted Dr. Laura Manuelidis, professor and section chief surgeon of neuropathology at Yale University, who introduced him to the idea of scrapie research in Iceland.

Barash told *The Spectator* that due to the controversy surrounding mad cow and other prion diseases in Great Britain, scientists there maintain a high level of confidentiality regarding their research and are not particularly receptive to foreign involvement in their clinical investigations. Icelandic scientists, however, have been studying these same diseases for decades. In fact, some of the earliest research on these infectious agents was conducted in Iceland beginning in the 1940s. Both Barash and Manuelidis decided that he should apply for research opportunities at the University of Iceland.

Barash will be working specifically with sporadic scrapie, one of three classifications of the disease, the others being genetic and infectious. A neurological disorder found in sheep, scrapie is believed to be caused by infectious agents known as prions, self-replicating protein particles capable of transmitting disease. Scrapie is the oldest known prion disease and was first described in Iceland in the 18th century. Ironically, these devastating infectious diseases remain a "vast, unexplored frontier of science," said Barash.

Prion diseases such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), which is the human manifestation of these types of disorders, are categorized as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). TSEs affect the nervous systems of mammals. Prions have the capacity to change the shape of normal proteins they come in contact with, effectively destroying their function. Eventually, these dysfunctional proteins accumulate as plaques and tiny vacuoles (holes) of deteriorating brain and nervous tissue. TSEs cause severe neurological disorders and finally death.

As elaborated in his proposal for the Fulbright grant, Barash's research in Iceland will focus on one particular hypothesis developed regarding the cause of spo-

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Are you interested in medical school??

Stephen Knohl M.D. '93 will be on campus to share an insider's view on the medical school application process.

Wednesday, April 25
Science Auditorium
5 p.m.

Ants like Hamilton

Warm weather brings out a persistent foe

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE WRITER

Yes, we've got ants...flies, bedbugs, and now ants. These tiny terrors aren't just infiltrating student housing either, as there have been ant sightings in C &D, Admissions, and even in Buttrick. Ants do not discriminate; everyone from the lowly student to the President himself is affected.

Terry Hawkridge, assistant director of Physical Plant, said that Hamilton has "always had these types of problems." He attributes the increase in ant activity to the warm weather. In temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, the ants are inactive, but the recent spring weather has driven the ants out of the colonies, sending winged scouts to find food and shelter for the coming months.

Sharon Williams, director of the Writing Center, spent the weekend gardening and noted that on Sunday the ants began coming out of their hill. The colonies are now on the move, preparing to divide into several satellite colonies, both indoors and outdoors.

ANTS MARCHING? HERE?!

There are two distinct types of ants that have been a recurring problem on campus: Pharaoh ants and Carpenter ants. Pharaoh ants, or sugar ants, as they are commonly called, are very small, but they can prove to be a nuisance. Pharaoh ants need carbohydrates, sugars, proteins, and greases to survive. The problem lies in the fact that much of their diet can be easily obtained by infiltrating students' rooms, which are, in most cases, the ideal environment for these little pests.

This year, as in the past, they are plaguing Babbitt, Milbank, and the Griffin Road apartments, along with other wooden buildings such as Beinecke, Saunders, and DKE. Carpenter ants, which can grow up to half an inch long, and can be identified by their bent antennae. These ants seek out wet or decaying wood to build their nests, or in scientific ant terms, their galleries.

The ants easily hollow out the soft wet wood for shelter and go off in search of food, some even traveling up to 100 yards for food or water, establishing satellite colonies as they go. Carpenter ants are a particular problem on this campus because in many cases the wooded areas extend right up to the buildings, letting the workers of the parent colony infiltrate the dorms and other campus structures in small armies.

In comparison to past years, the arrival of the ants this year has caused more people to come forward about insect problems and ask for treatment. Hawkridge said that due to the number of ant sightings, Physical Plant is "taking more aggressive measures in trying to stop the problem."

Physical Plant uses integrated test management in which "they identify and target the problem and then decide to treat or not treat the situation." In most cases this treatment is in the form of ant traps, which are used in areas of high ant traffic. These traps act as bait, as they lure the ants in by providing them with the sugars and proteins they need in their diet.

The bait contains a slow-working poison, which when carried back to the colony affects other ants. It is important to get rid of any food that may provide an alternative source of food for the ants, as they will ignore the traps.

Since it may take several weeks to see results with the traps, this tactic has not proven too successful this year. This could be due to the fact that the poison is killing the worker ants before they reach the colony, thereby undermining the effectiveness of the traps. In many cases, ant traps, as well as sprays, cause strain on the colonies and act to divide them up. The ants disperse and form new colonies. This phenomenon, catalyzed by the ant traps, is known as budding.

While Physical Plant's policy has always been to use the least toxic approach to pest control, that approach often does not work. This year Babbitt has been a hotspot for carpenter ant activity in the kitchen areas and lounges and was sprayed with the insecticide Demon, as was Buttrick, DKE, Couper, Sage Rink, and Kirkland. Demon contains the active ingredient Cypermethrin, an odorless powder that is mixed with water and applied to ant hotspots.

Hawkridge emphasized that the Physical Plant team is not "spray-happy." As a certified operator, he "doesn't want to lead with a spray" and aims to "keep exposure to a minimum." Hawkridge said, however, "Some exposure is necessary to handle the situation, but we walk on the conservative side of the line."

Recurring ant problems that can not be solved with traps must be taken care of with insecticide. The insecticide, while harmful in large amounts, is not believed to be harmful to humans in the small doses used.

If spraying is the decided method of attack, students are usually given between 48 and 24 hours notice that the spraying will occur. Physical Plant attempts to schedule the spraying after lunch, when there is less activity in the dorms, but realizes the inevitability that someone will be disturbed. Fortunately, the process is relatively easy and painless and requires only a two hour evacuation until the product dries, hopefully rendering the ant problem a thing of the past. While ants are a nuisance, they can be avoided in many cases by tightly sealing food containers and packages and making food inaccessible.

Marine bio class explores life on the CT coast

by Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE EDITOR

There is a reason why biology classes are not as renowned for field trips and off-campus exploration as, say, geology classes. More biology takes place in the lab, whereas the outdoors oftentimes is the lab for geologists. But biology casts a large net. It includes genetics and cell biology, as well as tropical ecology and animal behavior, which actually enable students to stretch their legs as they stretch their minds.

Marine biology requires investigation of the oceans and its unique life forms and systems. Two weeks ago, the 18 students of Professor Patrick Reynolds's Marine Biology class trekked to the Connecticut coast to see first hand some of the creatures and habitats they have been learning about in lecture.

PHOTO BY SARA "QUEEN OF COOL" PALEY '01

Mucking about the rocky intertidal, the marine bio class discovered organisms they talk about in class.

The journey began with a stop at the famous Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT. For a few hours the group split up and explored the exhibits on marine life taking in the beluga whales, arctic and bulging with muscles, outerworldly jellyfish tanks and anything arousing curiosity.

In a classroom at the aquarium, a biologist involved with a program that deals with stranded marine mammals also spoke about how scientists, conservationists and ordinary citizens address the sporadic appearance of a stray whale or seal on northeastern shores from New Jersey to Cape Cod. Various factors can cause individual or entire groups of mammals to become sranded on shore. If the strandee is found alive, members of the program try to return the animal to the water; dead animals are given the equivalent of an autopsy to determine the cause of death and other important data.

From there the group set out to don their hip waders and walk the sandy shores and mudflats to observe how the tides dictate which plants will grow in certain places and which invertebrates can survive along the shoreline. Armed with waterproof footgear, shovels, buckets and seives, the group looked for and found various species of crab, a few shellfish and numerous marine worms.

PHOTO BY SARA "COOL" PALEY '01

Patrick Reynolds's Marine biology class on the Connecticut shore during a field trip two weeks ago.

"Actually walking around the salt marsh during low tide was interesting," said Nina Sharma '00, an English major. "It's always good to be able to identify the things we learn about in class."

One of the crabs is not actually native to the area, explained a colleague of Reynolds's who joined the group at the mudflat. It piggy-backed its way here aboard a ship from Japan a decade or so ago and has found Connecticut waters quite suitable for a huge population. Everybody had a few slices of heaven that night when Reynolds took the group to Mystic Pizza, the honest pizzeria made famous by the 1988 comedy hit movie of the same name.

Early the next morning the group was pulling fine-meshed nets through the still water of a quiet marina. They collected samples in jars and returned to a small lab at the Williams Mystic Maritime Program. Using simple microscopes, the group entered the world of larval lobsters, comb jellyfish and other less obvious contributors to ocean life.

"Studying phytoplankton ten minutes after you pulled them out of the water is more rewarding than looking at slides," said senior geology major Dave Carlson.

After a leisurely lunch in historic Mystic, the group boarded a research vessel at the University of Connecticut for a brief cruise to find seals. In the waters between Connecticut and Fisher's Island, which dump into the great Block Island Sound, seals can be found sunning themselves on rocks or bobbing in the water nearby. There was no sun to speak of that day, and much wind, but the harty bunch stood on the foredeck and watched the sleek seals in their natural environment.

The final stop was the rocky shore near the boat dock, where again waders and boots enabled exploration of the area known as the rocky intertidal. The rocky intertidal is a classic environment to study the interactions of marine organisms that live between the range of the tides. Interestingly, the unsuspecting starfish is a major regulator of species diversity in the rocky intertidal.

Five hours on the bus and two movies later, the group returned to campus, happy that Reynolds had cancelled class for the next morning.

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PRION DISEASES

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radic scrapie. Scientists in Iceland have proposed that intermittent outbreaks of scrapie are caused by a mineral imbalance in animals genetically predisposed to TSEs.

Barash told *The Spectator* that research of the diet components of animals in regions where TSE outbreaks have been observed has shown abnormally high levels of the metal manganese. Additionally, low levels of copper have been detected in the same populations. Both of these metals are necessary for enzymatic activity. Scientists believe this may indicate that manganese is replacing copper in biological pathways, subsequently resulting in destructive oxidative activity in cells.

During his year in Iceland, Jed will be furthering this kind of research, testing tissue and blood samples for levels of copper and manganese. He has proposed to work on a joint project in two labs, one at the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and the other at the Institute for Experimental Pathology, both at the University of Iceland.

If he and other scientists are successful in finding a correlation between scrapie and imbalances of copper and manganese metal ions, it could have monumental effects on the future treatment and possible eradication of scrapie and other TSEs.

After his year at the University of Iceland, Barash hopes to pursue his interest in neuroscience and prion diseases. He intends to enroll in medical school and eventually get his Ph.D.

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Features

Summer on the Hill: Students take advantage of unique opportunities

Contrary to popular belief and current weather conditions, summer does in fact come to the Hill. Many students remain on campus during the summer months, taking advantage of unique academic, employment, and recreation opportunities.

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A Vision of Summers Past: Hamilton lets down its hair in the summer, and students take advantage of the relaxed atmosphere to pursue academic and internship opportunities.

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Starting to formulate your plans for the summer? Have you considered working at Hamilton? Working and living here over the summer is an option that comes highly recommended from students who have spent past summers here engaged in various pursuits, taking advantage of their free time to explore and enjoy Clinton and outlying areas.

There are numerous job opportunities available for students interested in staying at Hamilton for the summer season. Offices across campus, from Admissions to Communications and Development to the Emerson Gallery, are usually looking for students to hire.

Janie Bassett, assistant to the vice president, Communications and Development, tells us that at C&D, there are usually ten or so positions open, including internships in Communications, Publications, and the Annual Fund. C&D also offers a general employment opportunity that gives students "an overview of the whole office" and allows them to work on various projects across C&D's many departments.

At the Emerson Gallery there were two summer positions open for students; one for a part-time gallery attendant and office assistant, the other for a part-time research assistant to compile and edit information for an upcoming exhibition that will celebrate the Emerson Gallery's 26th anniversary.

The Career Center is currently looking for a summer office intern to help coordinate recruiting programs, help with various database projects, and conduct outreach to alumni. This position is paid and full-time; interested applicants need to submit a cover letter and resume to Mary Vallelonga by April 25.

Research opportunities abound at Hamilton over the summer. Elizabeth Guancial '01 spent the two summers following her freshman and sophomore years working here with Chemistry Professor Timothy Elgren, Ph.D through a grant for undergraduate science research.

Guancial, who spent her time learning basic science techniques and data analysis and specifically studying the catalase chemistry of certain forms of ribonucleotide reductase, says that being here in the summer allows "a focus on research without other obligations."

The Chemistry department, Guancial also mentions, is a very cohesive community over the summer. Its members set up various activities outside of research, including dinners and fly-fishing lessons.

Amy Lawrence '01, a psychology major, also spent a summer here conducting research. She was using a $3,000 grant that was part of her Bristol scholarship to study the 19th-century history of the former Utica Lunatic Asylum.

She spent her working hours buried deep in issues of the old American Journal of Insanity in the Burke Library and visiting the Oneida County Historical Society.

Those students wishing to stay on campus over the summer must participate in the summer housing lottery, which will take place on May 7. The price for housing over the summer for students employed on campus is $50 per week. Dannelle Parker, assistant director of administrative services, says that this summer, all available housing will be in Babbitt in order to foster a greater "sense of community." In previous years employed students have been spread out around campus; this year the students, of whom the majority are working on science research projects, will be in a centralized location.

There are other opportunities on campus during the summer that do not involve academic research; for example, Rebeckah Iseman '01 has spent the last three summers here keeping a number of middle school students busy while working for the John's Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, a summer enrichment program for academically talented youngsters.

Helping to keep 450 students busy while they were not in classes included organizing and running daily sports activities like field hockey, rugby, soccer, and swimming. She was also involved in weekend activities the program set up for the students, such as carnivals, campus–wide scavenger hunts, and dances. Beginning this summer, however, Hamilton is no longer hosting the CTY Program.

But when you get off work, what is there to do? An incredible amount, as those who have been here tell us. Lawrence notes that she "definitely learned to appreciate the greater Utica area. When you're here over the summer, you see a lot of the area that you never would during the school year."

What does that include? One can visit art museums, eat at numerous Italian bakeries, participate in scavenger hunts, attend Utica Blue Sox games, swim in the Oriskany Creek and the nearby reservoir, enjoy the Glen and Minor Field, and take a tour of the Stanley Theater, among other things.

Lawrence even mentions a drive to the town of Liverpool outside Syracuse, N.Y., "because there's a really good hot dog place there called Heidi's."

Both Lawrence and Guancial also highly recommend Glauca Morra miniature golf.

Iseman tells us, "I have spent the last three 4ths of July here, and they are some of my most memorable. Watching fireworks over Rogers Estate is one of the best memories I will have from the summer."

Summer employment at Hamilton provides a number of wonderful opportunities for those students looking for something different. Iseman commented on the general atmosphere on campus during the summer, "It is exciting to see Hamilton during the summer because it gives you a new perspective. You see professors in shorts and t-shirts and prospective students walking around the campus. While there are fewer people on campus, those that are here form a small community of their own."

Guancial voices the same enthusiasm for working at Hamilton over the summer, saying that she is "such a proponent of it," calling the experience "fabulous" and definitely recommending it to other students.

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Hamilton students will travel the world next year: Bristol, Goldwater fellowship winners highlighted

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Hard work, a desire to explore realms of possibility outside of your normal environment, motivation, and enthusiasm for a particular topic. What do these things translate to? Scholarships and fellowships.

A variety of these awards were won by Hamilton students this spring, including Justin Tyler '01 (Bristol Fellowship), Caitlyn Cook '01 (St. Andrew's Fellowship), Annie Toth '02, and Lorena Hernandez '03 (The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship).

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

Justin Tyler '01 (center) is this year's Bristol Fellowship winner. He will travel to England, India, Fiji, Australia, and Brazil to study theatre performance.

These students have labored intensely with Ginny Dosch, coordinator of the student fellowship program, over the past months; they are now beginning to reap the rewards of their work.

"The most rewarding aspect of the process was to find out at 11 p.m. on a Tuesday night that I was the recipient of the scholarship along with another female. The application process was very demanding; I didn't really think I had a chance," Hernandez explains.

According to a press release on the awards on the Hamilton web site, the Goldwater scholarship is "the premier national undergraduate award in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering." It honors Senator Barry M. Goldwater and "was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering and to foster excellence in those fields."

Lorena hopes the award will translate into recognition so that she is able to accomplish her dreams of entering a highly competitive MD-PhD program and becoming an OB/GYN and biomedical researcher.

The William M. Bristol Fellowship was created for Hamilton College students, along the lines of the Watson Fellowship, "to encourage discovery of self and the world, a greater appreciation and understanding of people and culture, and to enable individuals to act on great ideas through independent study projects rather than formal academic pursuit," according to the Hamilton web site.

"The most interesting part," Bristol-winner Justin Tyler says of winning the fellowship, "will be to experience these new cultures and watch these unique and bold performances in the street. It's going to be an amazing journey."

How did these ambitious students get involved in the process? "Like most big things in life, I got involved on a whim," Tyler says. "I saw advertisements for the fellowship information session and it looked interesting to me: 'See the world on your own terms all next year.' Ideas started to run through my head."

Hernandez also credits the Chemistry and Biology departments, particularly George Shields, Robin Kinnel, and Stephen Festin, as well as Ginny Dosch. "I have been grateful for their help in both my personal and academic life," she says. "They have opened windows of opportunity so I may fulfill my dreams."

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Caitlyn Cook '01 won the St. Andrew's Society of New York Fellowship, which provides for one year of graduate study at a Scottish university. Cook plans to pursue her studies in archaeology.

This article is the third in a series highlighting Hamilton fellowship and scholarship winners. If the Bristol or any other fellowship is of interest to you, application deadlines are in October; now is a great time to begin thinking about a project and to get in touch with Ginny Dosch at vdosch@hamilton.edu.

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Lorena Hernandez '03 has won the Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Lorena hopes the award will translate into recognition so that she can enter a highly competitive MD-PhD program.

For Tyler the Bristol Fellowship translates into the chance to study theatre in a variety of foreign countries. "One of the reasons I was so set on pursuing a Bristol is that I didn't get a chance to go abroad because of my double major (government/theatre)," he reveals. "A fellowship was my chance to get out of the country and see the world."

For his project Tyler will study radical street theatre in England, India, Fiji, Australia, and Brazil.

"My main goal," he explains, "is to document the different performances and styles that I see and compare them across cultural lines. Street theatre is something that is so rarely studied, so the research is pretty exciting. No one has really ever done anything like this before."

Both Tyler and Hernandez agree that while the process of obtaining scholarships was demanding, the reward pays off.

As Tyler said, "The most difficult part was organizing everything and pulling all the pieces together, though I'm pretty sure that the actual doing of it is going to be pretty challenging. The most rewarding part is also yet to come: the actual experience of conducting the research and living on my own for a year."

"Everybody," he contends, "needs some adventure in hislife."

Check out fellowship and scholarship opportunities on line at: http://www.hamilton.edu/academics/fellowships/postgraduate/main.html

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LIFE at Hamilton: PEP Line a new resource for students

by Eliza Strawbridge '03
FEATURES WRITER

Thinking you might like an on-campus job, but not sure where to find it? In need of information about where to lodge your parents when they pick you up for the long ride home? A little nervous about STDs since you woke up on the other side of campus Sunday morning? Just need someone who will listen? Dial LIFE (x5433).

Many of you have probably glanced at the flyers while eating a scrumptious Commons meal but are still wondering exactly what the PEP Line is, what the purpose of this hotline is for our community, and who would be on the other side of the line if you were to give it a ring. The PEP Line is a hotline that Hamilton students can call with any kind of question regarding the college and surrounding community, or simply to vent their problems to someone trained to listen.

Information about policies and procedures like the honor code, clubs and activities on campus, referrals to another number at Hamilton, and general health information concerning STDs and safe sex are examples of the quantity of information provided by the PEP Line.

"In the beginning of freshman year when work started to become really overwhelming, I wanted someone to talk to and thought that a hotline would be a really good idea," stated Liora Hoffman, the sophomore responsible for the creation of the PEP Line at Hamilton.

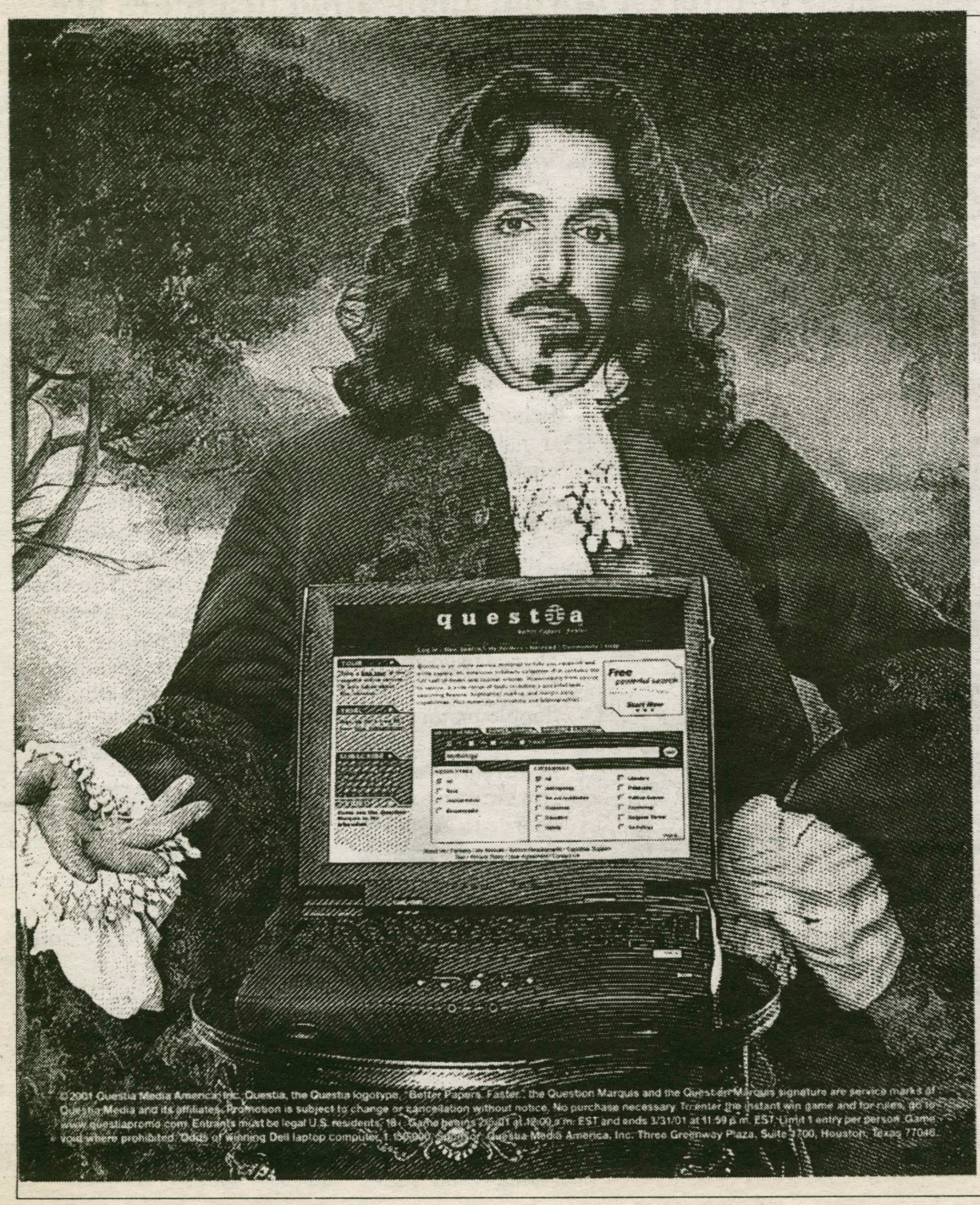
"The intention was to have a resource so students wouldn't feel alone or lost on campus. The idea was to have someone to talk to that wasn't a teacher, administrator, or friend. Someone completely unbiased." Liora took the initiative into her own hands, and through the Peer Educators group on campus, she has established the PEP line.

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

Liora Hoffman '03 created the PEP Line, a resource for students with questions on any aspect of life here.

The hotline is run by a group of seven students who have been certified as Peer Educators and received additional certification from a counseling psychologist involved with a rape crisis hotline in the surrounding area. The PEP line is nonbiased, anonymous, and confidential. Students can ask whatever they want, and know that they are talking to another Hamilton student who has probably been in a situation similar to their own.

The PEP line runs Monday to Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Liora hopes to expand the hours next year, as well as to have the PEP line in operation during freshman orientation in the fall. During off hours, callers can leave a message if they feel comfortable doing so, and a Peer Educator will call back.



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Upset over Hartwick propels Men's Lacrosse

by Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

If you are looking for drama, excitement, and the pursuit of a dream, look no farther than the 2001 men's lacrosse team.

This team epitomizes all that is right with sports. They have a dream, and they refuse to let go of that dream.

By beating 10th ranked Hartwick on Tuesday, the team took a giant step towards realizing that dream.

They are now only a few steps away from a UCAA title and the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament that goes with it.

That news might shock some, but this team has surprised people before.

Just ask the players on the Hartwick team on Tuesday after they were defeated by the Continentals.

The final score was 14-9, but it wasn't even that close. The Conts came out firing, scoring the first goal of the game and never looking back.

The Conts could have played conservatively, simply trying not to lose the game, but instead they stepped up their play and applied offensive pressure all game long.

The Continentals were led by the inspired play of attackman Matt Silverio '03.

When he keeps his focus, Silverio has the skills and talent to be a superstar.

His head was definitely on straight Tuesday as he tallied nine points on eight goals and one assist.

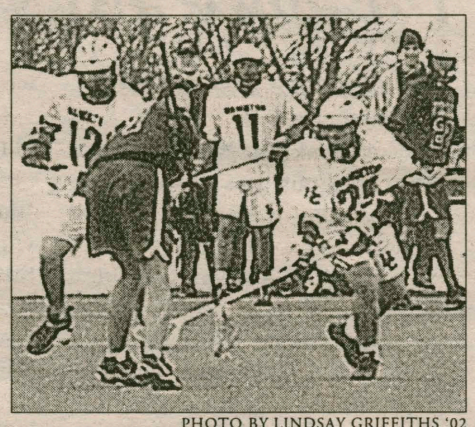
"He was unstoppable," said fellow attackman Brad Schwalm '02.

"He was playing out of his mind, scoring ridiculous goals: behind the back, through his legs, from wherever- it was nasty," added Schwalm.

Schwalm did not play badly himself, scoring three goals and distributing two assists. He was an impressive compliment to Silverio's offensive display.

Silverio was the offensive answer for the big mouths of the Hartwick players who insisted on talking trash from the first second the Continentals stepped on the field.

The Continentals had no problems talking the talk, as they brought along their own big mouth in the form of long-stick middie Canute Delmasse '02.



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Two Hamilton attackers overwhelm a Hartwick defender

Delmasse refused to back down, and he backed up his talk with one of the best games of his career.

Besides the great hustle that he is known for, Delmasse helped add to Hartwick's frustration by netting two goals and keeping Hartwick's offense out of sync all game long. Also adding to Hartwick's offensive woes was Hamilton's defensive leader, Harry Hristoforatos '02.

The "Las", as he is affectionately known, annihilated a Hartwick attackman early in the game.

This set the tone for the rest of the game, as Hartwick's offensive players were terrified to go anywhere near the crease for fear of incurring the wrath of the Las.

With the Conts playing well on defense, some pressure was taken off junior goalie Brad Wolcott. He remained relaxed in net and came up with 14 saves to preserve the Hamilton victory. This game was a huge win for the Continentals, but they can not stop here if they hope to make their dreams a reality.

A league title and NCAA tournament bid are there for the taking if the Conts can keep the magical run going for two more weeks. Their biggest challenge to the title comes this weekend when the Continentals face off against league rival and 11th ranked RPI on Saturday evening.

A win versus RPI would put the Conts in the driver's seat for a postseason birth and give them the confidence they will need to sweep through the remainder of their schedule.

Baseball looks forward to home opener

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of a frustrating weekend, the Continentals looked flat in the final game, losing 13-7.

"The lack of effort that game was a combination of a long weekend and playing for a third straight week on the road. We were out-hustled, which is one of the few times that's happened. On paper Middlebury (7-5 overall, 3-2 NESCAC) is not that much better than us."

So, with an up-and-down week behind them, the Continentals can take comfort in the fact that this weekend they will, for the first time all year, get to play on their own home turf.

"It will be great to play at home since we'll be more rested and we won't have to play right after getting off a bus," said Wellen. "Its all about how we start off. We were flat against Middlebury but hopefully playing at home will prevent that from happening."

Williams is fresh off a huge victory over Wesleyan which gave them sole possession of first place in the NESCAC West with a 4-1 record, 16-2 overall.

Needless to say, the Continentals will need all the support they can get, so come on out to the ballpark for this Saturday's double-header and Sunday's finale. After all, this may be your only chance.

Softball shows improvement

*from **Softball**, page 18*

games against the same team because the opposing batters will figure out Karen's rhythm and timing, especially when they get six to eight at bats against her."

In the doubleheader against Utica, the Continentals were doubled up in both games, by scores of 8-4 and 10-5. Pogonowski took the loss in the first game, receiving little run support from the Continental offense. O'Malley, Dunn, and Jen Derby '01 all collected two hits, and Derby also drove in two of Hamilton's four runs.

In the second game, Washburn got the start, and was pounded for nine runs in 3 and 2/3 innings. Pogonowski came in for the final 2 and 1/3 and pitched well, allowing only one run. Offensively, McDermott, who went three for four and drove in two runs, led the team. Also collecting multiple hits were O'Malley, Pogonowski, and Derby.

"We just need to score more runs to back up our pitchers," said McDermott, "because the opposing teams are going to figure out how to score some runs."

Disapointing third place finish for Women's Track

Maggie Hanson leads the way with two wins

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's track and field team finished in third place at last weekend's UCAA Championships at Union College. St. Lawrence took top billing at the meet, and RPI followed closely behind.

The Continentals finished with 120 points, 61 points behind RPI and 122 behind St. Lawrence; Union and Vassar were a distant third and fourth place.

Coach Ellen Hull commented, "St. Lawrence and RPI surprised us with performances that were significantly better than they were earlier in the season. RPI really hurt us in the throwing events, and St. Lawrence is just a very good team all around."

Maggie Hanson '02 led the team with victories in the 1,500 and 3,000-meter runs, qualifying her provisionally for NCAAs.

She is also featured in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of the April 16th issue of Sports Illustrated for her NCAA championship in the 5,000-meter run.

Hanson commented, "I think that some good things happened at UCAA's even though our finish wasn't as high as we'd hoped. The team pulled together and everyone gave 100%. It was awesome to watch the lacrosse team defeat Union in overtime before our meet began."

The versatile Anna Arnold '04 also had an impressive meet. She finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.86 seconds and finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.52 seconds.

In the triple jump, she finished seventh with a distance of 10.33 meters, which qualified her for NESCACs.

In the other field events, Melissa Carlinhos '04 and Gill Chapman '04 finished fourth and fifth in the javelin throw with distances of 26.96 and 23.73 meters, with Carlinhos qualifying for NESCACs.

Julie Elmuccio '03 and Larissa Hopkins '04 finished fifth and sixth in the long jump with distances of 4.84 and 4.81 meters respectively, and both qualified for NESCACs.

Elmuccio set a new team record and automatically qualified for NYSCTCs in the triple jump by finishing fourth with a distance of 10.96 meters.

Hull commented, "Julie was in first place with one jump left, and unfortunately three people had great final jumps."

Jessica Sexton '03 finished fifth in the shot put and eighth in the discus, while Hopkins finished seventh in the high jump with a height of 1.32 meters.

In the sprint events, co-captain Cristina Freyre '02 finished fourth in the 100-meter dash behind Arnold with a time of 13.63 seconds. In the 100-meter hurdles, Andrea Stroud '03 finished fourth with a time of 18.44 seconds and in the 400-meter hurdles, Stroud finished in 1:11.06, earning third place and qualifing for NESCACs.

In the 400-meter dash Hopkins, Tricia Kowalski '03, and Jane Taylor '04 finished fifth, sixth, and tenth with times of 1:03.02, 1:04.02, and 1:08.51.

Hull said, "Tricia was bothered by a hamstring problem, which might have been a problem."

In the 200-meter dash Freyre and Gill Chapman '04 finished fifth and eighth behind Arnold with times of 28.16 and 29.95 seconds.

In the relays, the team of Arnold, Amanda Chase '03, Stroud, and Freyre finished second in the 400-meter relay with a time of 52.77 seconds.

The team of Chase, Hopkins, Freyre, and Stroud finished second in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:12.71.

In the distance events, Kate Nelson '01 finished first in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:54.52. She has not finished in less than second place in the event all season.

Following Nelson was co-captain Emily Hill '01, who finished fifth with a time of 20:57.64, which qualified her for NESCACs.

In the 1,500-meter run, Jen Cammarano '03 finished second with a time of 4:53.67, which automatically qualified her for NYSCTCs.

Following her was Becca Walker '02, who finished 15th with a time of 5:54.49. In the 800-meter run, Chase and Cammarano finished fourth and seventh, qualifying for NESCAC's.

In the 3,000-meter run Nelson and Christine Campbell '04 finished second and eighth with times of 10:39.14 and 11:42.50; Nelson's time automatically qualified her for NYSCTCs.

The 3,200-meter relay team finished third behind St. Lawrence and RPI with a time of 10:11.12.

Tomorrow, in their only home meet of the season, the Continentals take on Ithaca College, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Oswego, the University of Rochester, RIT, and Mohawk Valley Community College in a non-scoring meet.

Hull said, "We're excited to use the track in a meet for the first time. Tomorrow is about getting people qualified for the championship meets that start next weekend with NESCAC's."

It will give the Continentals a good idea of what to expect in two weeks at the NYSCTC Championships.

Tomorrow is also the last home meet for seniors Hill, Nelson, and Elizabeth Guancial.

Softball drops five straight

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton softball team continued its season-long learning experience this week, going head-to-head with the University of Rochester, and conference foes Saint Lawrence University and Utica College. The Lady Continentals worked out a split of the doubleheader with Rochester before dropping their next four contests. As usual, ace pitcher Karen Pogonoswski '02 led the Continentals with 29 innings pitched over the course of the six games. Relief pitcher Lisa Washburn '01 helped out with the work on the mound, logging 6 and 2/3 innings over that same span.

The lone Continental win over this stretch came in the first game against Rochester, in which Hamilton notched an exciting 3-2 victory behind eight superb innings of seven-hit ball from Pogonowski. Korey O'Malley '01, who holds down the hot corner for Hamilton, and catcher Abby McDermott '01 supplied the fire power for the Continentals, recording two and one RBI, respectively. Pogonowski also helped out with her bat, going two for four at the plate. Slugger Stephanie Dunn '03 went one for three and stole two bases, adding to her team-leading total.

Dunn praised the team's performance, saying "The defense was really good, and Karen pitched really well. The game moved along very quickly until we put together some hits and won the game."

The second game against Rochester did not go as smoothly for Hamilton, as their opponents jumped all over Pogonowski early in the contest. The Continentals dropped the game by a final score of 15-5.

The first game against St Lawrence was something of a family reunion, as the sister of Hamilton's starter at second base, Nikki Dafoe, took the mound for the Saints. A senior, Colette "Coco" Dafoe, is the ace of an experienced Saints staff, and she was at her absolute best against the Continentals. The elder Dafoe silenced Hamilton's bats completely, pitching a complete-game no-hitter. This game too was called after five innings as Saint Lawrence touched up the Hamilton pitching duo of Pogonowski and Washburn. The second game was much closer, at Hamilton pounded out 14 hits. Shortstop Amy Greenan '04 had a spectacular day at the plate, going three for four and scoring two of Hamilton's seven runs. Unfortunately, having just faced Pogonowski in the previous game, the Saints were able to produce offensively, and took the contest 8-7.

McDermott explained the Saints' ease at the plate during the second game, "It is really hard to pitch in two straight

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Montreal at Florida 4/21	Marlins	Marlins	Expos	Marlins	Expos	Expos
San Diego at LA Dodgers 4/22	Dodgers	Dodgers	Dodgers	Dodgers	Dodgers	Padres
NBA Play-offs						
#8 Indiana at #1 Philadelphia 4/21	Pacers	76ers	76ers	Pacers	Pacers	76ers
#7 Orlando at #2 Milwaukee 4/22	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks	Magic
#6 Charlotte at #3 Miami 4/21	Heat	Heat	Heat	Miami	Heat	Heat
#5 Toronto at #4 New York 4/22	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Raptors
#8 Minnesota at #1 San Antonio 4/21	Spurs	Timberwolves	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Timberwolves
#7 Portland at #2 Los Angeles 4/22	Blazers	Lakers	Lakers	Blazers	Lakers	Lakers
#6 Phoenix at #3 Sacramento 4/22	Kings	Kings	Suns	Kings	Kings	Suns
#5 Dallas at #4 Utah 4/21	Jazz	Mavs	Jazz	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs

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Sox edge Yankees in early season thriller

MATTHEW R. OLNEY

The Thad Bosley Files

There was a playoff atmosphere in the air last week when the New York Yankees traveled to Boston for a four game series against the Red Sox. Considered by many to be two of the top teams in the American League, the series lived up to everyone's expectations. Each game was decided by three runs or less and neither team scored more than five runs in any game.

The Red Sox were without their injured all-star Nomar Garciaparra and the Yanks were missing their all-star, Bernie Williams, who took time off to be with his ailing father. The absence of these hitters, however, was not the reason for the low scoring games. Both team's starting pitchers put on a clinic.

In game one, Red Sox rookie Paxton Crawford dueled New York's Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez. Game two pitted five-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens against three-time Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez. Game three saw Hideo "no-no" Nomo face Andy Pettitte. Frank Castillo went pitch for pitch with Yankee ace Mike Mussina in the final game of the series.

Looking at the numbers of all four games shows that each was very evenly played. The Sox scored 14 runs compared to the Yankees' 10. Aside from Pettitte's mediocre performance (14 hits allowed, five earned runs), the Yankee starters gave up only six earned runs on 18 hits, compared to the Red Sox starters who allowed five earned runs on 16 hits. However, the Red Sox won three games and the Yankees won only one. Why, despite comparable numbers, did the Sox win three games and the Yanks only one?

The difference was the bullpen. When the games came down to the final innings, the Sox bullpen was able to shut the dangerous Yankee hitters down, while the Yankee relief pitchers were not able to keep the Red Sox hitters off the bases.

In game one, Yankee closer Mariano Rivera gave up three hits and one earned run, blowing the game for the Yankees. In game two, the Yankees only win, Stanton and Rivera combined for three innings of one hit ball.

In game three, Pettitte put three men on to start the 7th inning and the bullpen let them all cross the plate. Randy Choate couldn't find the plate and youngster Todd Williams looked very uncomfortabe in a big game situation. Finally, in game four, Ramiro Mendoza let up three hits and one earned run in the eighth inning.

Meanwhile, the Red Sox bullpen allowed a mere 12 hits in 12 innings and four earned runs in the four games.

It is still very early in the season, but this could be an area of concern for the Yankees. While their starting pitching will be fine, especially with the addition of Mussina, the loss of relievers Jeff Nelson and Jason Grimsley to free agency has left a considerable hole in the Yankees' pen. Rivera is one of the top closers in the game, but if Yankee starters only pitch six innings an outing, the rest of the bullpen will need to hold leads until the 9th inning. So far, they have not done so.

The Red Sox bullpen, on the other hand, has been flawless. Setup men Rod Beck and Rich "El Guapo" Garces haven't allowed an earned run in over 12 innings pitched. Pete Shourek has filled in for lefty Rheal Cormier, now playing for the Phillies, and Rolando Arrojo has adjusted to the the bullpen quite well, already saving two games.

The only pitcher who hasn't performed well is closer Derek Lowe, who saved 42 of 47 opportunities last season. Once Lowe gets back to where he was last season, it will be very hard to score runs off the Red Sox's bullpen.

Crew downs competition at Lowell

by Caitlin Foley '04
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's and women's crew teams traveled to Massachusetts two weekends ago for a successful showing on the water.

The Worcester meet was moved to a different location in Lowell, Massachusetts, due to icy water conditions.

The Hamilton rowers arrived at the site early Saturday for an opportunity to get some practice time on the water before the competition.

Even with the limited time spent in their boats, the Continentals had impressive finishes.

The men's Varsity 4 crew won their race with an unofficial time of 6 minutes and 44 seconds.

The four had a bit of a slow start coming off the line with the pack at the beginning of the race.

The Continentals survived the start however using what coxswain Reid Anderson '03 described as "pure strength" to win.

They beat University of Rhode Island, Worcester Poly Institute, Holy Cross, and Bates.

The women's Varsity 8 boat also braved the cold and rainy weather conditions to have a good start.

The crew members were happy with their stable beginning and overall smooth race. The women finished second, a boat length behind W.P.I. while beating Bates.

The women's Lightweight 4 boat was forced to race in a different heat due to lack of boats in their category.

The women were beat by U.R.I., a Division I Open Weight 4 crew, but held their own.

"Basically it was a race against time," said crewmember Christine Evens '04. "We just wanted to show self improvement and try to stay with the open boat."

Coach Karen Glowacki was pleased with the performances by the novice boats as well.

"The novices did extremely well considering they were racing programs that have been on the water for some time. Water time is crucial with novices," said Glowacki.

The men's Novice 8 boat improved upon their last race. The men had a much cleaner race successfully setting the boat and rowing at a much steadier pace.

"All we need is more water experience to improve our finishes," said novice James Downey '04.

The women's novice program rowed their first race as a Novice 8 crew boat.

With two first time racers and one borrowed starboard rower from the varsity boat, the women had a respectable finish behind U.R.I. and Connecticut College.

Coach Glowacki was pleased with their outcomes.

"The novices generally brought up the rear but were within contact with their competitors, it wasn't a blowout race. The program definitely looks promising, with some water time we'll be beating them," she commented.

The Continentals will be getting that long awaited practice time this week.

Although the temperature is looking more promising, the Hamilton boathouse is still surrounded by icy waters.

The good news is that the team has the opportunity to use open water farther down the Erie Canal. The crew team will be practicing out of the Riverside Marina.

They have been given access to launch their boats at the local Rome Rowing Club dock.

This weekend's upcoming meet will also be moved to this site. Hamilton's first home meet of the season will be held on Saturday against St. Lawrence.

Coach Joe Bilyea is optimistic about his team's competition.

"We are unsure about the amount of water time St. Lawrence has had to practice, but I'm confident that we will have a good finish," said Bilyea.

Previously in the season, the women's Varsity 8 crew beat St. Lawrence by 20 seconds at the Knecht Cup.

The men's Varsity 4 also beat them by a 15 second margin.

St. Lawrence is expected to have only two boats prepared for the duel meet, in which case the novice boats will race in the same heat.

Coach Bilyea plans to use the races to give his crew more water experience.

Men's Track takes 4th at UCAA Championships

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's track team placed fourth at the UCAA Championships this past weekend at Union College.

Despite the good weather conditions, the meet was poorly run and the team's performance suffered.

Many runners were left warming up twice as long as usual. A stronger overall field of runners also attributed to the fourth place finish.

Coach Brett Hull commented, "I had hoped we would do better, however, that was the best UCAA field from top to bottom. Union had a lot of surprise finishers who were not out there during indoor track. The guys still hit good marks and will keep working hard to get ready for NESCACs and the state meet."

Captain Scott Taylor '01, Sky Gellatly '03, and Elijah "Juice" Huling '04 each placed third in their events, the highest Hamilton finishes.

Taylor ran a 4:10.23 in the 1500 meter run. Taylor was followed immediately by Paul Jones 03' in 4th with a 4:13.10.

Fletcher Malcom '03 also finished in the top ten of the men's 1500 meter run.

Taylor also earned points in sixth place in the 800 meter run. Ryan Murelli '02 led the Continentals in the 800, taking fourth place with a time of 2:01.46.

In his first outdoor meet of the season, Sam Brown '01 finished behind Taylor in the 800m dash.

Gellatly took third place in the triple jump, breaking the old meet record with a jump of 13.50 meters yet was surpassed by two other jumpers.

Lewis Boyd '03 also competed in the triple jump, finishing with a jump of 11.50 meters.

Huling placed third in the 200 meter dash, running a 23.21 in the open event. Jeff Corey '04 finished less than .2 seconds behind Huling with a time of 23.35.

Corey finished the 100m dash in 11.32 second, earning fifth place. Huling came in less than .1 second behind to take sixth place in the event.

Lewis Boyd '03 and Jeff Barnett '01 competed in the men's shot put.

Both Boyd and Barnett broke personal records and claimed first and second, respectively.

In the field events, Andrew Inglis '01 pole-vaulted to a height of 3.352 meters, while Darren Block '01 threw the javelin 41.30 meters, finishing in the top ten of his event.

John Damaske '02 celebrated his 21st birthday on Sunday by finishing fifth in the lengthy 5000 meter run.

Competing in an even longer event, Nate Arnold '03 took sixth for the Continentals in the 10000 meter run.

The team of Gellatly, Greg Zalasky '03, Huling, and Corey combined to take second place in the 4x100-meter relay.

The men's 4x400 relay team finished 4th in a time of 3:36.70. The men's 4x800 meter relay team, consisting of Taylor, Brown, Murelli, and Jones finished 2nd in a time of 8:11.99.

The men's team hosts their first outdoor meet this coming weekend.

The Hamilton Invitational will be the first meet on the new track surface. The men are excited to run on the new track.

Captain Scott Taylor who exclaimed, "We're excited for our first home meet of the season, especially now with the exceptional new track surface."

The men will be hoping to improve on previous marks and qualify for post-season meets at the state meet this weekend.

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Sports

Women's Lacrosse remains undefeated in UCAA

Sarah Gloo '01 breaks All-Time Career Goal Record

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team's nine game winning streak came to an end on Wednesday when the Continentals traveled to Ithaca College.

Though Ithaca is not in the UCAA, a win against Ithaca was important to Hamilton for more personal reasons.

Coach Karen Hollands traveled to Ithaca to take on her alma mater and her former coach.

Ithaca came into the game with post-season hopes riding on the win. Currently, Hamilton is ranked seventh in the nation and is undefeated in the UCAA.

A win against the Continentals gives any team a boost in the rankings and greater chances for earning a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Ithaca took hold of this opportunity and controlled the game from the very beginning. Hamilton's attack was caught off-guard by Ithaca's tight zone defense. By halftime, the Bombers were up by three goals, leading the Continentals 6-3.

Though Hamilton's offense poured in another four goals in the second half, Ithaca was able to counter with four goals of its own.

In the second half, Ithaca stalled play with 25 minutes left, forcing the Continentals to double team in the midfield and dragging the Continentals' defense out of position. Hamilton suffered its second loss of the season, dropping a 10-7 decision.

Co-captain Sarah Gloo '01 and attacker Molly Plummer '03 led Hamilton with three goals apiece.

"We didn't play our best game," commented Hollands. "Ithaca outplayed us on their own field, they had a great strategy, and they deserved to win. We learned a lot from the game."

Though Hollands pointed towards Ithaca's aggressive style of play as an element in the loss, fatigue may also have been a factor. The Continentals took on two tough UCAA opponents this weekend, traveling to Skidmore and Union.

On Friday, Hamilton defeated the Skidmore Thoroughbreds, 9-3. Though they faced a tough zone defense, many attackers were able to score for the Continentals. Kristen Engster '01, Gloo, Plummer, and Helena Marin '03 each chipped in two goals.

"This was the first time all season that we've had to face a zone defense," commented Plummer. "We're the team to beat - every team is able to focus on stopping our offense. Skidmore was able to shut down our fast breaks and we had to adjust."

Hollands praised the play of underclassmen Marin, goalie Nicole Cheatle '03 and attacker Sarah Bardenett '04. Because Skidmore focused on marking out the seniors, the team looked to its younger players for support.

"Helena scored a clutch goal for us," commented Hollands. "She did a terrific job."

Bardenett was also a standout player for the Continentals, finishing the game with eight ground balls, four draw controls and two forced turnovers.

In goal, Jess Asrican '01 was sidelined early with a migraine and replaced by Cheatle.

"Cheatle stepped in and did a great job for us. She is outstanding; when I put her in the game I don't have to worry about it," praised Hollands.

On Saturday, the Continentals' UCAA ranking was challenged when they were taken to overtime by a skilled Union squad. Hamilton beat Union on the road last year to win the UCAA Championship and earn a bid to the Big Dance.

Union came into the game after a tough loss the day before to UCAA powerhouse William Smith showing fatigue but looking for revenge.

They played well the entire game, contesting Hamilton's shots and testing the Continentals' defense.

At halftime, Union was winning by one goal.

The two teams traded goals throughout the second half, and the Conts were down by a goal with only a minute and a half remaining. With 38 seconds left in the regular period, Gloo found Plummer wide open in front of the goal.

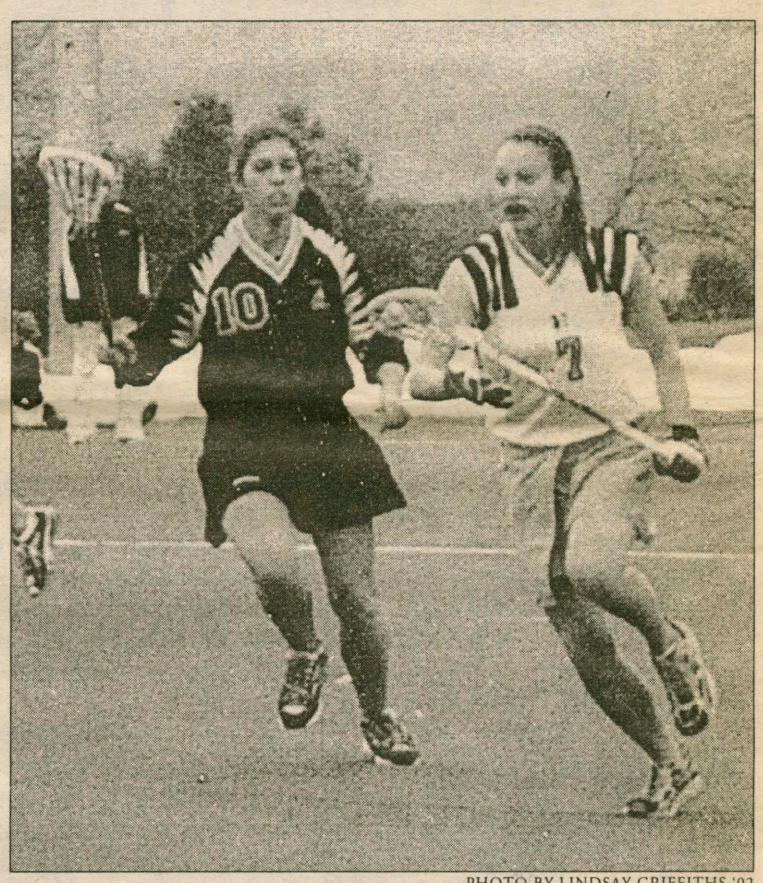
"Plummer scored a clutch goal for us and was able to send the game into overtime," commented Hollands.

The Continentals took advantage of the extra frame and scored two goals while holding Union's attack at bay. They finished the game with a 15-13 win over one of the best teams in the country.

"Union is a good team. We are not going to blow out every team on our schedule, and a 15-13 OT win over a competitive team is a good win," commented Hollands.

Asrican and Cheatle split time in goal and combined for 12 saves. Plummer finished the game with four goals and an assist, and Engster added two goals. Gloo led all scorers with seven goals and two caused turnovers. In addition to this athletic feat, Gloo also broke the twelve year-old Hamilton all-time goal scoring record. She surpassed the 154 goal mark and currently has scored 168 goals in the past four seasons.

This weekend, the Continentals take on Rochester. As a UCAA opponent, this game is crucial for Hamilton to earn a bid to the tourney.



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Hamilton's Sarah Bardenett (#7) blows by a defender for the win in a recent UCAA matchup.

Utica victory ends Baseball's losing streak

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Coming off a frustrating three-game sweep over the weekend at the hands of NESCAC foe Middlebury, Wednesday's match-up with lackluster cross-town rival Utica College could not have come at a more opportune time for the Hamilton baseball team.

On the heels of a promising two game split with a solid Amherst ball club, the Continentals had high hopes that they could take at least one of the three games from the previously 4-5 Middlebury squad.

Unfortunately, the Continentals were swept, with a 17-0 shellacking in game one setting the tone.

However, the team got well quickly with its 13-5 defeat of Utica in the annual Jackie Robinson Game on Wednesday, jumping on them early with a five run first inning and finishing with a flurry.

Right handed hurler Jamie Harrison '02 went 5 and 1/3 innings for his second victory of the season, while reliever Jason Wellen '03 pitched the last 3 and 2/3 for the save.

"We had some good pitching," said Coach Mike Davis. "Harrison didn't have the same stuff that he had against Amherst, but he battled and was able to give us a chance to win." And Wellen made sure they did just that, coming in with the Continentals clinging to a 6-3 lead and pitching almost flawlessly, a solo home run being his only blemish.

"I had my curve ball working and had some good defense behind me," said Wellen. "I was able to get them to pop it up a lot and the wind helped knock it down a bit."

The real story, however, was the sudden resurgence of the offense. Semmie Taylor '03 led the way with three hits and two RBI on the day, but it was catcher Jack Halas' '03 bases loaded double in the ninth inning which broke the game open.

All three runners scored and the Continentals cruised from there, pulling away for the eight-run victory and improving their overall record to 4-13.

The win was Hamilton's fourth consecutive in the Jackie Robinson Game.

Coach Davis was proud of his team's effort, especially considering the importance of the game, "The Jackie Robinson Game always means a lot to me. It's gotten away from the press a little bit, but it still has meaning to anyone in baseball since its named for a great person who did a lot for his race and the game of baseball. This game is always a highlight of the season for me since it's a feather in our hat anytime we can win it and beat our cross-town rival in the process. It was a total team effort."

Such effort was not always apparent in the previous three losses at Middlebury. Of course, 17-0 losses tend to be damaging to a team's morale. Panthers lefty Justin Conrad dominated the Continentals en route to a nine inning, one-hit shutout.

Conrad also tied a Middlebury record with 16 strikeouts, holding the middle of Hamilton's lineup-Halas, Jon Fehlman '03, and Taylor-to 0 for 12 with an astounding 11 strikeouts.

Afterwards, all Coach Davis could offer were words of praise for Conrad's performance, "He was the best pitcher we've faced all year, certainly. (Starter) Matt Marsallo ('01) pitched well for a while but we just couldn't get anything going against that guy. Eventually they just pulled away."

If that wasn't enough to destroy the Continentals' confidence, then the second game definitely did the trick. Up 3-2 in the fifth inning of what was a seven inning game and with captain Steve Guillette on the mound, the Continentals eventually bowed 8-3 as a sixth inning grand slam by the Panthers' Denny Smith broke it open.

Perhaps feeling the effects

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